

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
THE OTHER HALF	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
EXTRA	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	24:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT

WJAC-TV
PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

EXTRA – A national syndicated program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

THE OTHER HALF – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show addresses several topics in one episode and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

NEWSCENTER 6 - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2002**

1. CRIME / PENAL SYSTEM
2. EDUCATION
3. HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL
4. CONSUMER AWARENESS
5. GOVERNMENT / POLITICS
6. SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT
7. EMPLOYMENT / UNDEREMPLOYMENT / LABOR / ECONOMY
8. FAMILY ISSUES

***REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.**

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW APRIL

4/01/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

STOLEN CARS

The Insurance Crime Bureau says that, for the first time in 10 years, car theft is on the rise. Police are now urging drivers to protect their property when it is parked. Sophia Wharton tells us which cars are a bigger target than others.

1:05 – Package

David Dix – Owner – Dix Honda

Carl Shurer – Owns a Toyota Camry

4/02/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

INTERNET FRAUD

The Federal Trade Commission and its law enforcement partners are going after internet fraud. The government agency is sending out more than 500 letters warning people that sending deceptive spam, or junk e-mail, is illegal.

:41 – VO

4/04/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

GUN VIOLENCE

The Federal government has picked Cambria County to launch a program aimed at cutting gun violence. The county has seen a number of armed robberies and other gun-related crimes over the past few years.

:38 – SOT/VO

David Tulowitzky – District Attorney

4/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

TAX SCAMS

There's one week to go till the tax deadline. If you haven't filed your return yet, watch out. There are scams out there, people trying to trick you into forking over cash for services that aren't legit. Jon Meyer has details.

1:30 – Package

Stephanie Grigg – I.R.S.

4/08/02, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CONSTRUCTION ZONES

Pennsylvania is cracking down on drivers who don't slow down or who drive recklessly through work zones. PennDOT outlined that move as part of their new safety initiatives, all a part of National Work Zone Safety Week in Pennsylvania.

:43 – SOT/VO

Bradley Mallory – PennDOT Secretary

4/11/02, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

CLERGY ABUSE

Recent allegations of sexual abuse within the Boston Catholic Diocese have shaken up Catholic communities nationwide. In the past, the Johnstown-Altoona diocese witnessed scandal of its own. Eileen Teves takes a look at how the church makes sure misconduct doesn't happen again.

1:44 – Package

Sister Mary Parks – Diocese spokesperson

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW APRIL

4/16/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday John Patrick

DRUNK DRIVING

It's a rule that has been engrained in our minds early on – don't drink and drive. Unfortunately, some people rely solely on their own judgment to decide whether or not they've had too much to drink. It's a decision that can be deadly. John Patrick shows us a device that may help prevent the crime of drunk driving. It's called "a guardian angel."

2:20 – Package

Sgt. Bob Smedes – Police officer

Jeff Scult – Guardian Angel Holdings

John Moulden – NCADD

4/17/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

DRUNK DRIVING BILLBOARDS

Drivers in the region are getting a new warning about drunk driving and this time, it is personal. Roadside billboards featuring the image of a person killed by a drunk drive are the newest tool in fighting that deadly crime.

:53 – SOT/VO

Janie McConnell – DUI Victim's mother

4/17/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Pete Williams

PORNO RULING

A ruling by the U.S. Supreme court has the Attorney General mad. They have struck down a federal law banning images that appear to show children in some sexual situations. But they are computer-generated. And John Ashcroft says that will make it tougher to prosecute child pornographers. Pete Williams explains.

1:20 – Package

R. Bruce Rich – Publisher Coalition

John Ashcroft – U.S. Attorney General

4/23/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AIRPORT ARRESTS

A major aviation safety crackdown in Washington led to nearly one hundred arrests today. It's called Operation Tarmac, a crackdown on illegal aliens and criminals working at some of the nation's largest airports.

:51 – SOT/VO

John Ashcroft – Attorney General

4/23/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Leanne Gregg

AIRLINE STUN GUNS

United Airlines is in the process of training its entire flight crew to use taser stun guns in the fight against terrorism. If they get Federal approval, tasers are expected to be placed in every plane in United's fleet later this year. Leanne Gregg reports from Denver.

1:23 – Package

Capt. Herb Hunter – United pilot

Casey Lamb – Taser trainer

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW APRIL

4/24/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Garrick Utley

CLERGY ABUSE

American cardinals are holding their second day of meetings in the Vatican this morning to discuss the sex abuse scandal in the church. At the top of their agenda is figuring out how to handle predatory priests. Some say they are overlooking something equally as important – how to prevent it. Garrick Utley has the story.

1:24 – Package
Fr. John O'Malley

4/25/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

TOBACCO MONEY

Pennsylvania is about to start cracking down harder than ever on stores who sell cigarettes to minors. If the State does not cut down on these sales within the next year, it could lose up to 23 million dollars in Federal funds.

:29 – SOT/VO
Carole Zucco – Cambria Drug & Alcohol

4/30/02, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SWEEPSTAKES SCAM

There's a warning tonight about lottery and sweepstakes scams. Although most legitimate contests have amended their practices over the past few years to make clear that you don't need to purchase anything to be eligible to win, people are still falling victim to look-alike scams. It happens more than you know.

1:17 – Package
Barry Creany – Deputy Attorney General

NBC - CRIME / LAW APRIL

Dateline

TUESDAY, April 9

Keith Morrison gets a rare look at the true lives of middle school girls; where innocence has been left behind to nastiness, aggression and a painful world of cliques, bullies and abuse. (Cities: Washington, DC/ Baltimore, MD/ Erie, PA)

Dateline

FRIDAY, April 5

Dateline went behind the scenes and followed the day-to-day workings of a pair of homicide detectives from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in a one-hour special report, Real People, Real Stories. Dateline's cameras followed detectives Jeff Rosgen and Mark McNett for a period of six-months to capture how they went about solving the murder of Loretta Beechler. The detectives allowed themselves to be followed as they went to the crime scene, talked to witnesses, and followed leads in the case. (Cities/States: Las Vegas,NV)

Today Show

Wednesday, April 24th - TEEN BOYS AND ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

NBC's Kerry Sanders visits Hazard, Kentucky -- a small town with an extraordinary amount of drug overdoses and drug-related arrests among teenage boys. The drug of choice in the area? A prescription medication called Oxy-Contin.

Guest for this segment will include:

Dr. Terry Horton from the Phoenix House, a non-profit organization specializing in adolescent drug abuse. He will talk about the differences between teen boys and girls when it comes to drug use and offer some advice on how to confront your teen if you suspect that he is abusing.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW MAY

5/01/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Eileen Teves

DUI CRACKDOWN

The county task force is cracking down this season on drunk drivers, hoping that you'll stay safe and sober while behind the wheel. Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with more on this new initiative.

:59 - Package

:11 - Live

Christopher Cohn - Blair County DUI Task Force

5/02/02, 6 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

DRUNK DRIVING

Every thirty minutes in the nation, someone dies in an alcohol-related traffic accident. "Every Thirty Minutes" is also the name of a program that challenges high school students to think about the consequences of drinking and driving. Mark Allen reports.

1:42 - Package

David Boyer - Hollsopple Fire Chief

Melissa Zimmerman - SADD member

Nathan Brewer - Accident participant

Ashley Just - Accident participant

5/03/02, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

MAILBOX EXPLOSIONS

The FBI is now looking into mailbox explosions in the Midwest as domestic terrorism. The pipe bombs were accompanied by anti-government propaganda.

:30 - VO

5/06/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

ABDUCTION SYSTEM

The numbers are frightening. More than 150 thousand cases every year in which a child is abducted by a non-family member. Very few of them are found alive. Because time is critical, the State of Pennsylvania has designed a system for police and broadcasters to help bring home a missing child. But does it work? In this Channel 6 News Investigation, Eileen Teves found out.

3:42 - Package

Trooper David White - PSP Hollidaysburg

Dale Gehman - Emergency Alert Service

Cpl. Wayne Sheppard - PSP Harrisburg

Bobbi Albright - Concerned parent

5/07/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

KIDS AND ARSON

Kids who start fires are becoming a growing problem nationwide. More than half of those arrested for the crime of arson are kids. That disturbing fact brought a group of professionals to Johnstown today. Mark Allen reports.

1:43 - Package

Paul Reichenbach - Fire Commish's Office

Nicholas Saites - PA State Police

Jessica Gotthold - ATF Special Agent

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW MAY

5/08/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Keith Oppenheim

CHASE TRAINING

When you wear the badge, you never know when a suspect will lead you on a high speed chase. That's why cops must first learn about life in the fast lane. Keith Oppenheim gives you a look at the training course designed to give officers the defensive skills they need for the chase.

2:31 – Package

Steph Morningstar – Police officer student
Lt. David Halliday – Precision Driving Program
David Noyes – Police Officer Student

5/14/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

NIGERIAN SCAM

It's one of the most popular scams going on the internet. Yet more and more people continue to send money overseas and end up losing it all.

:34 – SOT/VO

Det. Tom Jordan – State College Police

5/16/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION

The world is watching a court case in our area involving an Amish sect's insistence on breaking the law. They say they won't follow a State traffic law because they believe it violates their religion. Jon Meyer says their rebellion is drawing international attention.

1:36 – Package

Heath Long – Assistant District Attorney
Bob Kunko – Sheriff's Department

5/20/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Phil Rogers

TRUCK SECURITY

They outnumber ships and planes, and on any given day, there are millions of trucks on America's roads. Now, there's new anti-terrorism plans to make those drivers the eyes and ears of America's security, along with some high tech help. Phil Rogers has more on highway security.

1:35 – Package

Kevin Johnson – Consolidated Freightways
Marc Sands – Qualcomm
Jeff Beatty – ATA Security

5/20/02, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

TERRORISM AND APARTMENTS

The FBI has issues a new terrorism alert. This time the warning could have an impact in your neighborhood. There is intelligence information saying that apartment complexes could be terrorist targets. Jon Meyer is live in Johnstown with more.

:11 – Live

1:13 – Package

Tom Ridge – Homeland Security
Tara Johnson – Johnstown
Sharon Coleman – Johnstown

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5/23/02, 5 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

AMISH TRIAL

Should Amish settlers be forced to put red and orange triangles on their buggies? They say it is against their religion but State prosecutors say it is the law. Eileen Teves is live in Ebensburg with more.

1:35 – Package

:13 – Live

Donna Doblick – Defense Attorney

Heath Long – Cambria County Assistant D.A.

5/29/02, 5 / 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

FBI REORGANIZATION

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is undergoing a major change. The FBI's director and the Attorney General want to re-direct hundreds of agents to work on terrorism. Landra Booker joins us live from Washington with more.

1:20 – Live

:11 – Live

Robert Mueller – FBI Director

John Ashcroft – U.S. Attorney General

5/31/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

LIBRARY PORN RULING

Your local public library won't be forced to install internet filters to block porn on their computers. That's according to a Federal court ruling today.

:45 – SOT/VO

Betsy Allen - Schlow Library

NBC - CRIME / LAW MAY

Nightly News

TUESDAY, May 14

Religion and law. Nightly News takes a closer look at the legal strategies used by the church in sexual abuse cases. Do lawyers for the clergy have a duty to avoid tough tactics?

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 15 – Taking Back The Streets

Nightly News looks at how some communities are trying to slow down cars speeding through their neighborhoods. It's a crime with deadly results.

Nightly News

Thursday, May 23

Nightly News examines the tragedy of missing children. What is being done to find them? Why do some cases attract more attention than others? Is law enforcement doing enough?

Dateline

Tuesday, May 28

Dateline investigates allegations that Jehovah's Witness members have covered up cases of child molestation in the Church. John Larson talked to former and current Jehovah's Witnesses who say that Church elders protected the alleged molesters and kept secrets that might have put children at risk. (Cities/States: Orthello, WA/NY/ CA/ KY/ NV/ New Hampshire)

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6/04/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

KIDNAP PREVENTION

We would like to think that, as parents, we could watch our children 24 hours a day. But many times, that is impossible. So what can you do to make sure your child is safe from abduction? Eileen Teves tells you.

1:01 – Package

Bobbi Albright – Blair Care Center

6/07/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Steve Young

CARRYING LOADED WEAPONS

One of the next possible targets of terrorists could be the nation's nuclear power plants. Five of them are right here in the Keystone state. National Guard troops are helping State police keep an eye on those plants, but they are not allowed to patrol with bullets in their guns. Steve Young has more on whether this practice is more widespread.

1:15 – Package

Rep. Michael Veon – (D) 14th District

6/10/02, 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

STRANGER DANGER

Parents would do just about anything to keep their kids safe from abduction. As Sophia Wharton reports, experts say that the earlier you talk to your kids about stranger danger, the better.

1:05 – Package

Erica Nodell – State College Mom

Taylor Nordell – State College Kid

Emily Fisher – 6 years old

6/10/02, 11 PM, Monday Michelle Franzen

CLERGY ABUSE

America's Catholic bishops are just days away from dealing with what could be the most controversial issue of their time. The current sexual abuse scandal rocking the church is the only item on the agenda for the upcoming conference. As Michelle Franzen reports, the number of cases has been shocking and has had an impact on the church.

1:38 – Package

William Donohue – Catholic League Pres.

Sonia Rubino – Abuse survivor

Fr. Jim Hawker – St. Luke Catholic Church

6/11/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

POLICE DOGS

The State is trying to take a bite out of the war on drugs, thanks to three narcotics dogs. The State's Attorney General's office uses them throughout the State and hope to add more K-9's in the future. Sophia Wharton gives you a look at these special agents in action and just how effective they are.

1:46 – Package

James Walstrom – Supervising Narc. Agent

John P. Jones – Dog trainer

6/13/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Michelle Frazen

SEX ABUSE IN CHURCH

The nation is watching and waiting to see what leaders of the Catholic church will do to make sure the sex abuse doesn't continue. Bishops from across the country are also hearing pleas

from some of the sex abuse victims. They want to make sure that the Bishops know that Catholics are angry, that this problem is rocking the church. Michelle Franzen joins us live from Dallas with the latest on what is being said about it all.

1:30 – Package

:12 - Live

Bishop Wilton Gregory – Conference of Catholic Bishops

Paula Rohrbacker – Sex abuse victim

Michael Bland – Sex abuse victim

Bishop Walter Sulliver – Richmond Diocese

6/13/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

ABUSE VICTIMS

Much of the spotlight on the sexual abuse scandal rocking the Catholic Church has been focused on the effort to cover up the crimes. Little has been said about what happens to the victims as they grow up. Helen Chickering shows us the unique obstacles faced by men who live with this awful secret.

2:21 – Package

Mark Crawford – Sex abuse survivor

Richard Gartner – Therapist

6/14/02, 11 PM, Friday Sonya Crawford

CRISIS IN CHURCH

Zero tolerance, that's the word from America's Catholic bishops when it comes to dealing with child sex abuse. This comes after two days of emotional debate between bishops and victims. Sonya Crawford has more from Dallas.

1:02 – Package

Bishop Gregory – Conference of Catholic Bishops

Cardinal Mahony – Los Angeles Archdiocese

6/18/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

MADD PLAN

Is the war against drunk driving spinning its wheels? That's what some mothers think. So Madd has come up with a new plan to jump start the effort. Landra Booker has the latest from Washington.

1:30 – Package

6/24/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

DEATH SENTENCES

The Supreme Court has made some changes that could have some convicted killers looking for a new trial. They ruled today that only juries, not judges, can sentence a person to death. Brigette Langmade has the latest from Washington.

1:45 – Package

Tom Lynch – Constitutional scholar

Todd Gaziano – Heritage Foundation

6/26/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Jamie John

BURGLARY TIPS

Police say that the burglary crime rate goes up during the summer months. One reason is that a lot of people leave their homes empty for long periods of time while on vacation. Jamie John has some helpful tips for you before you head out for some fun in the sun.

1:23 – Package

Charles Aungst – PA State Police, Bedford

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Nightly News

Monday, June 17 – Sudden Impact

“Sudden Impact” examines the problem of drunk driving. Tonight, Nightly News looks at repeat offenders. How can we keep them off the road? Should we take away the license of a first time offender? What is the solution?

Dateline

Tuesday, June 18 – Sudden Impact

“Sudden Impact,” a special edition of Dateline anchored and reported by Tom Brokaw, looks at the damage caused by a single, serious drunk driving crash. The hour examines not just the physical toll on the victims and their families, but the emotional and financial toll on all those involved. For a period of 10 months, Dateline’s cameras went from hospital rooms, to a funeral, to rehabilitation sessions, meetings with lawyers, courtroom appearances, and documented the far-reaching effects that drunk driving can have.

(Cities/States: Boston, MA)

Nightly News

Wednesday, June 19 – Sudden Impact

In “Sudden Impact,” Victoria Corderi takes a look at the legal standards which govern drunk driving and explores whether they are sufficient. She talks to a driver who killed a man while she was drunk, and remains haunted by her actions. The woman did not have a record and felt as though she were in-control when she drove that night.

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4/01/02, 5:30 PM, Monday John Patrick

NURSING SHORTAGE

You've heard of the shortage of nurses. It's a problem all over the country. But what about at schools? Is there someone on hand to care for your child in case of an emergency? There is a nurse staffed at every school, but only in 14 states. As John Patrick shows us, the nursing shortage effects nearly every family every day.

2:35 - Package

4/03/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

BOY - GIRL LEARNING

Parents have long been aware that boys and girls learn differently. But does the same hold true when it comes to learning? Some educators say yes, and it's causing them to take a new look at how to teach. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:20 - Package

Eileen Lambert - Educator

4/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BRAIN DRAIN

Pennsylvania is making a new effort to reverse the so-called "brain drain" in hopes of keeping more college graduates from leaving to find work elsewhere.

:42 - SOT/VO

Kate Bishard - Penn State nursing student

4/09/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Brooke Hart

COLLEGE BINGING

A new study finds the consequences of college drinking are larger and more destructive than previously thought. Researchers with the Federally supported task force on college drinking say the findings show that college drinking needs to be seen as a major health concern. More now from Brooke Hart.

1:34 - Package

Ralph Hingson - Chief Researcher

Dr. James Lyons - Cal State Dominguez Hills

Anisha Dua - George Washington University

Wayne Saxe - George Washington University

4/10/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

STUDENT VISA RULES

In the wake of Sept. 11th, the Immigration and Naturalization Service is tightening the visa regulations for foreign college students in this country. Anyone wanting to come to this country to go to college must have a student visa before they come.

:37 - SOT/VO

Masume Assaf - PSU International Programs

4/11/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SAFER CLASSROOMS

A new study says that teachers make the difference in our schools, not class size or zero tolerance policies.

:37 - VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION APRIL

4/22/02, 5 PM, Monday Sharon Epperson

COLLEGE SAVINGS

Even though college costs keep rising, more than half of the families who plan to send their children to college haven't started saving to pay for it yet. According to a new survey by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, 67 percent who think their kids will go to college said they're not saving enough, and 54 percent hadn't started saving at all. As Sharon Epperson reports, colleges realize this all too well. Believe it or not, many are willing to work with parents to help them pay the bill.

3:10 - Package

Milt Eisenhardt - College Money

William Elliott - Carnegie Mellon University

Paul Spaventa - Father

Mark Kantrowitz - Finaid.com

4/24/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

FAILING SCHOOLS

Thousands of American schools may not make the grade this fall. That's because of a newly mandated Federal law on a school's grade of student test scores. Officials say that in many cases, those scores haven't risen quickly enough.

:40 - VO

EDUCATION APRIL

Extra 04/18/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines what college kids are doing during Spring Break this year. Teens are taking off more than just time from school. Parents would not be financing these trips if they knew what their off-spring were doing, says this Extra investigation.

Show #: 8195

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

NBC – EDUCATION APRIL

Dateline

Tuesday, April 9

Keith Morrison gets a rare look at the true lives of middle school girls; where innocence has been left behind to nastiness, aggression and a painful world of cliques, bullies and abuse. (Cities: Washington, DC/ Baltimore, MD/ Erie, PA)

Today Show

Tuesday, April 23rd - TEEN BOYS, WHERE DO I FIT IN?

A look at two high school boys with very different high school experiences. One is popular, the other is not ... one is having a great time in high school while the other wakes up every morning depressed.

Guest for this segment will include:

Dr. William Pollack, author of *Real Boys and Real Boys Voices* and one of the leading authorities on teen boys in the U.S. Dr. Pollack will talk about bullying, how it affects teens, ways to make sure your teen is nice to everyone, and how to handle it if your child isn't popular.

Today Show

Thursday, April 25 - TEEN BOYS -- GIRLS, SEX AND DATING

Talking to teen boys about sex. Find out about what they really think about sex and sexual activities -- who's doing it and who's not. We ask a 15-year old Burbank High School sophomore to talk to his friends about a variety of topics: girls, dating, sex and the pressures that teens face today.

Guest for this segment will include:

Dr. Michael Lopez, a medical doctor from New York City who specializes in the treatment of teens. Matthew Jackson, a sophomore high-school student who has been preparing a video diary for Today

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5/02/02, 5 PM, Thursday Kathy Slobogin

COLLEGE DEBT

Is college becoming unaffordable? We've known all along just how incredibly expensive higher education can be. The costs continue to climb. Now a new report has caught up with these sky-rocketing tuitions, and has put them into stark perspective. Kathy Slobogin has this report.

2:18 – Package

Crystal Fonesca – Working student

Pat Callan – National Center of Higher Education

5/08/02, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

BUDGET WOES AND TUITION

The State's budget situation continues to grow worse with a deficit now projected for well over a billion dollars. The impact could be widespread, including higher education, where many college students are already facing larger than average tuition increases next year. With the latest on the state budget and its impact, Gary Sinderson is live in University Park with more.

1:20 – Package

:15 – Live

Dr. Graham Spanier – PSU President

5/08/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

9TH GRADE CHANGES

Last year, 20 percent of all Johnstown 9th graders either failed a class or failed the entire grade. Now school officials are taking action. They're putting a new program in place to lower the failure rate and produce more high school graduates. Mark Allen has the story.

2:07 - Package

Alan Johnson – High School Principal

Vicki Thomas – Talent Development

5/14/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Dave Hopkins

DIGITAL SCHOOLING

The future of education in our area is here, almost. Dave Hopkins gives you a behind-the-scenes look at the new digital school of the future.

1:19 – Package

Dr. James Scott – Spring Cove School Super.

Sen. Robert Jubelier – 30th District

5/14/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday John Patrick

CLASSROOM HEARING

You would never allow your children to miss a quarter of the school year. Yet experts say that they may be missing that much of what is said in the classroom because of bad acoustics. John Patrick takes a look at the move to make schools a sound place to learn.

2:33 – Package

5/16/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Kathy Slobogin

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Sometimes lessons are hard to learn, especially when it comes to violence inside our schools. That's why the Secret Service and the Department of Education are teaming up to help schools red flag potentially deadly situations. Kathy Slobogin has more.

1:55 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION MAY

5/24/02, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

MAKING THE GRADE

We now know how Pennsylvania teachers scored on State standardized tests. The tests, designed to better-train teachers, were given last fall through the State's Professional Development Assistance program.

:49 - SOT/VO

Dr. Barbara Hasson - School Superintendent

NBC – EDUCATION MAY

Nightly News

Thursday, May 9 – Lesson in American History

A new report shows that U.S. students know less about our nation's past than ever before. Who's to blame?

Nightly News

Thursday, May 30

NBC examines bullying in our nation's schools. It's a familiar problem, but it's now worse than ever. How can we put an end to the violence?

Nightly News

Friday, May 31

Nightly News looks at parents as the new American teachers. It's a growing trend across the nation, but do kids really do better at home?

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION JUNE

6/11/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Allison Burns

EDUCATION OVERHAUL

The U.S. Department of Education is calling on states to overhaul how they certify teachers. The Secretary of Education says prospective teachers are spending too much time learning how to teach, and not enough time focusing on specific subjects. Channel 6's Alison Burns reports.

1:15 – Package

6/20/02, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

PAPERWORK PROBLEM

Piles of paperwork could lower the quality of your child's education. That's why Senator Rick Santorum cut the red tape on Capitol Hill today with legislation designed to reduce paperwork for special education teachers.

:35 – SOT/VO

Sen. Rick Santorum – (R) Pennsylvania

6/21/02, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PLANNING AHEAD

When is it too soon to help your child on the road to college? The answer might surprise you. Lisa Stofko has more in tonight's "Parenting."

1:54 – Package

Debbie Callan – Mother

Connie Carroll – Guidance counselor

6/26/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Roseanne Colletti

SAT CHANGES

Big changes are ahead for the S-A-T if the College Board votes, as expected, on Thursday to revamp the achievement test. The changes will make the test about one half hour longer, and that's not all. Roseanne Colletti reports on why the exam taken by college-bound students will be tougher and cost more.

1:57 – Package

Seppy Basili – Kaplan, Inc.

6/27/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TESTING DECISION

The U.S. Supreme Court made two big decisions today that affect your children. The justices upheld the use of school vouchers and random student drug testing.

1:30 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Peterson – (R) 5th District

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

6/27/02, 11 PM, Thursday Brigette Langmade

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The Supreme Court handed down a decision today that could change the way your children are educated. Brigette Langmade has more on school vouchers.

1:40 – Package

Sen. George Voinovich – (R) Ohio

David Salisbury – CATO Institute

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6/27/02, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SAT CHANGES

High school students, get ready. A major change is coming to the S-A-T test. The College Board voted today to change the test; one of the biggest impacts will be the addition of an essay.
:46 - SOT/VO

James Gyure - UPJ Admissions Office

6/28/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that public money can be used for religious and private schools. It's a decision that opens the door for school vouchers, a way for parents to choose where their kids go to school, public or private. It also created a big debate in the education field.

1:34 - Package

Ken Salem - Bishop McCort High School

Lucy Harlow - P.S.E.A. Spokesman

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Nightly News

Monday, June 3

It's an education crisis. Nightly News examines the practice of schools hiring teachers from other professions to help deal with the nationwide teaching shortage. Is it a long term solution or a short term fix?

Nightly News

Friday, June 21

Nightly News examines geography in schools. A new study reveals mixed results among U. S. students. Why aren't American kids making the grade?

Nightly News

Thursday, June 27

There were two major decisions today from the Supreme Court affecting the American school system. What do today's rulings mean for your kids. Nightly News takes a look.

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4/01/02, 5 PM, Monday Monica Robins

MIGRAINES

Twenty-six million Americans suffer from migraine headaches. Until now, there's been no cure. But dozens of people are finding relief from a physician dedicated to treating migraines, not with pills, but with plastic surgery. Here's health reporter Monica Robins.

1:55 – Package

Teri Schenk – Former migraine patient

Bahman Guyuron, MD – American Migraine Center

4/01/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

MEDICAL CHIPS

Instead of carrying your personal and medical information on you, how about carrying it in you? A chip injected under the surface of the skin allows doctors to simply scan it for medical information.

:40 – SOT/VO

Jeff Jacobs – Chip implant volunteer

4/03/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

BREAST CANCER

When women are diagnosed with breast cancer, a recent survey found that 72% use at least one type of alternative treatment. Among those treatments, Chinese herbs are becoming increasingly popular.

:39 – SOT/VO

Dr. Alejandra Perez – Medical Oncology

4/04/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BREAST CANCER SEEDS

Being diagnosed with breast cancer doesn't have to mean major surgery anymore. New advances are making radiation a lot easier too.

:51 – SOT/VO

Barbara Espey – Breast cancer survivor

Simon Powell – Radiation Oncologist

4/04/02, 11 PM, Thursday Cherie Bank

RID OF WRINKLES

Thanks to new technology, there are exciting new ways to get rid of wrinkles. They're easier on your skin, and may even be permanent. Cherie Bank has more.

2:33 – Package

Kelly Lyle – Acid peel patient

Dr. Eric Bernstein – Dermatologist

Carole Blum – Laser patient

4/05/02, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

CANCER WAND

A wand of heat may one day replace the scalpel for women with breast cancer. Helen Chickering has more on an experimental therapy that zaps tumors in less than one hour without surgery.

:39 – Package

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4/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CLONING

It's something that people have been talking about since Dolly the sheep was born, cloning a human. Now there are reports that a woman from the United Arab Emirates is pregnant with a cloned embryo.

:37 - SOT/VO - Rudolf Jaenisch - Biologist

4/09/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Christy Feig

HEAVY DRINKING

Heavy drinking can be dangerous to a woman's health for reasons you might not have guessed. As Christy Feig reports, what qualifies as heavy drinking might come as a surprise too.

1:24 - Package

Dr. Mary Dufour - National Institute of Alcohol Abuse

4/10/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

CLONING DEBATE

Remember the stem cell debate last year? Well, it gets more interesting. Lawmakers are considering legislation that would outlaw all human cloning, including cloning human embryos for stem cells. Brooke Hart has more from Washington.

1:43 - Package

Mike Manganiello - Advan. Of Medical Research

Sen. Tom Daschle - Majority Leader

Patricia Heaton - Cloning Ban Supporter

4/11/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Seanna Lites

HEARTBURN

It's that painful burning feeling that many of us get after we eat something we really shouldn't have, heartburn. But excess stomach acid isn't just a concern for adults. Dr. Seanna Lites has more on how it effects children.

1:35 - Package

Katie McKinney - Age 10

Colleen McKinney - Katie's mother

Dr. Gunasekaran - Lutheran General Hospital

4/11/02, 6 PM, Thursday Diana Gonzalez

DIGITAL SCREENING

Can digital technology help find breast cancer at an earlier stage? So far, studies have shown a digital screening tool is just as effective as conventional mammography, and there are some additional advantages. Diana Gonzalez has the details.

1:19 - Package

Dr. Vilma Biaggi - Breast diagnostics

4/11/02, 11 PM, Thursday Diane Bakos

FAST FOOD

When it comes to fast food, what's healthier, a hamburger or a bowl of chili? Ice Cream or frozen yogurt? Diane Bakos says that the answers aren't as easy as you might think. She's got the skinny on fast food in today's "Ounce of Prevention."

2:00 - Package

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4/12/02, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Max Gomez

PREGNANCY TIMING

These days, with women often putting off having babies until later in life, many couples want more control over exactly when they're going to get pregnant. You can't do that very well without knowing when you're ovulating. Now there's an FDA approved ovulation predictor that works using a woman's saliva. Dr. Max Gomez tells us about "the Donna."

1:31 – Package

Debbie Zucker – Used ovulation predictor

Dr. Anita Sadaty – Obstetrician-Gynecologist

4/12/02, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

MORE CAVITIES

Dentists are noticing a dramatic increase in kids' cavities. It's a surprising shift from the trend over the past 50 years, since fluoridated water and toothpastes were introduced as effective cavity prevention. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:25 – Package

Dr. Minerva Patel – Pediatric Dentist

4/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Monique Conrad

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

More than six million kids will die in the United States, the victims of tobacco use. That according to the Centers for Disease Control. Monique Conrad has more on what needs to be done to take the smoke out of this growing problem.

1:29 – Package

Bill Corr – Tobacco Free Kids

Dr. Elmer Huerta – Washington Cancer Institute

Dr. John Sefferin – American Cancer Society

4/16/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Stephanie Kennedy

PARKINSON'S DISCOVERY

There's an important discovery in the fight against Parkinson's disease, and it has the potential to lead to a cure. Stephanie Kennedy tells us that the answer may be the part of the brain that Parkinson patients are missing.

1:23 – Package

Glenda Halliday – Medical researcher

Kay Messiter – Parkinson's patient

Peter McWilliam – Parkinson's NSW

4/16/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Katrina Owens

OSTEOPOROSIS TREATMENT

Of the 28 million Americans who have thinning bones, 10 million suffer from osteoporosis and more than one million will have spinal fractures. Surgery for this has only been performed as a last resort. Today, there is a new safe non-surgical treatment called vertebroplasty. Katrina Owens has the story.

1:27 – Package

Dr. Kevin McGraw – Riverside Hospital

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4/18/02, 5 PM, Thursday Marc Pickard

BACK PAIN

Only the flu bug is more common than back pain. For two thousand Americans, their back pain is bad enough to require surgery. But a new device is being tested that may make relieving back pain as easy as flipping a switch. Marc Pickard explains.

1:29 – Package

Kyle Stewart – Back pain patient

Howard Levy, MD – Emory

4/18/02, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

There's new hope tonight for those suffering from Parkinson's Disease. British researchers are testing a new drug called ropinrole.

:42 – SOT/VO

Emma Bennion – Parkinson's Disease

4/18/02, 11 PM, Thursday Ed Yeates

OBESITY GENE

Utah researchers say they're very close to finding a solution for people who suffer from chronic obesity. The team has isolated the location of the gene responsible for the problem. Once the gene itself is found, it could lead to therapy for extremely heavy people who've had no success at dieting. Ed Yeates has the story.

1:47 – Package

Dr. Donna Shattuck – Myriad Genetics

4/22/02, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Deanna Lites

PARKINSONS

We've heard of the high profile Parkinson's disease patients like Michael J. Fox who can afford the latest treatments for their disease. But the most recent advance in treatment was beyond the means of most patients until it was approved for Medicare this year. As Dr. Deanna Lites reports, it's a surgery that's already proven effective in hundreds of other people.

2:20 – Package

Paul Uhl – Parkinson's patient

Dr. Michael Rezak – Specializes in Parkinson's

Joe Buck – Jack Buck's son

4/23/02, 5 PM, Tuesday John Patrick

VACCINES

Imagine taking your children for their routine vaccines but being turned away because the pediatrician doesn't have any. Believe it or not, it's happening. In fact, medical experts are sounding the alarm about a shortage serious enough that it could have massive health implications. John Patrick reports.

2:35 – Package

4/23/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

CLARITIN-OVER THE COUNTER

Attention all allergy sufferers: relief without drowsiness could be coming to a counter near you. The Food and Drug Administration is recommending that you be able to get Claritin over the counter.

:45 – SOT/VO

Dr. John Delgaudio – Ear, Nose, & Throat

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4/24/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Leanne Gregg

NURSING HOME GRADING

Is your loved one getting the best care during their stay in a nursing home? Now the government has come up with a way for you to know before your loved one calls a facility home. Leanne Gregg has more on their new grading system.

1:30 - Package

4/24/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Janet Wu

PMS DIET

You know the feeling, you're bloated, irritable, and craving those sweets. All are the classic symptoms of premenstrual syndrome. But as Janet Wu tells us, the secrets of PMS may be in what you eat.

2:33 - Package

Linda Antinoro - Registered dietician

Connie Roberts - Registered dietician

4/24/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

FLAT HEAD

Since 1992 when the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that babies sleep on their backs, the incidence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome has dropped by 40 percent. But some parents have noticed that continually laying their babies on their backs has gradually changes the shape of their heads. Thirty-three out of every 10 thousand babies born has a variation of flattened head. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:25 - Package

Scott Deinish - Father

Dr. Benjamin Carson - Neurosurgeon

4/24/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

BLEEDING DISORDER

It's the most common bleeding disorder in Americans, 150 times more common than hemophillia. Yet, it often goes undiagnosed, and when it strikes women, doctors say it may result in thousands of unnecessary hysterectomies every year. Dr. Max Gomez reports.

1:46 - Package

Dr. Donna Di Michele - Gynecologist

Cindy Camp - Von Willebrand Patient

4/25/02, 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Every year, like clockwork, women are told to see their doctor for a complete checkup. But today's doctors are taking a second look at the traditional annual exam and asking, does it do any good? The answer may surprise you. There's one test you may be taking too often and another crucial one you may not have had at all. Lisa Stofko shows us what the doctor ordered.

2:27 - Package

4/26/02, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Deanna Lites

BIRTH CONTROL

Women have more options than ever when it comes to forms of birth control. Now you can add two more forms to the list. Dr. Deanna Lites has more on these contraceptive breakthroughs.

1:45 - Package

Wendy Reed - Uses the patch

Dr. Dona Perry - Gynecologist

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4/29/02, 5 PM, Monday Katrina Owens

KNEES

We put our knees under tremendous stress. For this reason, they are more susceptible to injuries than many of the other joints in the body. Katrina Owens has a new alternative for those suffering from extensive cartilage damage.

1:03 – Package

Charles Halm – Reconstruction patient

Dr. Brian Cohen – Restoration center

4/29/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

PREGNANCY: GUM MAINTENANCE

When you're expecting a new baby, you make lots of trips to the doctor. But one appointment that seems to get overlooked but is vitally important for your baby's health is the trip to the dentist.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Alfred Kraft – Dentist

4/29/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

BIRTH BY APPOINTMENT

The number of pregnant women who are induced into labor has skyrocketed in the last decade. Inductions now comprise almost 18 percent of all American deliveries. Is it okay to help labor along? Lisa Stofko has more.

1:22 – Package

Danielle Murray – Mother

Dr. Amer Ness – OB/GYN

4/30/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

BETA BLOCKERS

Want to increase your chances of surviving a heart bypass surgery? The key may be in what you do before you even hit the operating room. A new study shows that patients who increase their beta blockers before going under the knife have a better recovery.

:35 – SOT/VO

Gary Tureau – Bypass patient

4/30/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

ZIPPERS

There's a new threat out there for your child, and you may not even know it. That's why the National Anti-drug Coalition is stepping in. They're called zippers, and they are the first commercially produced version of the Jell-O shot.

:37 – SOT/VO

Nick Costanzo – Zippers owner

4/30/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Dr. Deanna Lites

COLON CANCER

Colon cancer remains the third worst cancer killer in America for men and women. But now a new technology that's been tested for the last several years may finally be ready to screen patients for the disease. Virtual colonoscopies show images of the colon non-invasively. As Dr. Deanna Lites reports, some hospitals are now starting to use it as a standard screening test.

2:17 – Package

Camille Nicholson – Screened for cancer

Dr. Abraham Dachman – Radiologist

Dr. Frank Miller – Radiologist

Francisa Pomaes – Screened for cancer

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4/30/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DANGEROUS DRUGS

A new study out today says 20 percent of all new medications on the market have dangerous and life threatening side-effects.

:47 - SOT/VO

Dr. Sidney Wolfe - Study co-author

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The Other Half 4/03/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines hypnosis and the role it can play in weight loss. Tom Silver offers a CD entitled "Thinner, Healthier, Happier, Confident, and Totally Relaxed." It is a motivational work.

Show #: 0131-02R Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 04/08/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the struggles of an anorexic. Christinna Ricci reveals the unlikely way she became anorexic.

Show #: 8185 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 4/11/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half looks at how you can help a mate who is gaining weight. Dr. Richard Heller and Dr. Rachael Heller describe their book, "The Carbohydrate Addict's Lifespan Program."

Show #: 0118-02R Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 4/30/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of in vitro fertilization. Dr. Shunit Ben-Ozer offers advice and Cindy Magolis talks about her experience with the procedure.

Show #: 430-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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Nightly News

Monday, April 1: The Health Insurance Trap

Robert Bazell

When do you need health insurance the most? When you grow older. When is health insurance the hardest to obtain? When you grow older. Robert Bazell explores the conundrum. He'll talk to an Ohio man who lost his job and his health insurance at age 62, take a closer look at COBRA (which is designed to bridge the gap if you lose your insurance but can often be prohibitively expensive) and focus on wives who are dependent on insurance from their husbands' employers. What happens to THEM when their husbands are laid off?

(Cities/States: Toledo, Ohio)

Nightly News

Tuesday, April 2: Doctors' Refusal to Accept Medicare

Anne Thompson

Finding a good doctor is one thing, but finding a doctor who accepts Medicare patients is quite another. An increasing number of doctors are refusing to accept new Medicare patients - and some are even refusing to continue treating current ones. Anne Thompson talks to a 68-year-old woman whose doctor said he wouldn't be able to provide follow up care after performing knee replacement surgery leaving her to find a new physician and a 51-year-old woman for whom the hardest part of moving her 95-year-old aunt across the country was finding her a good doctor. She was turned down repeatedly by doctors who said their patient caseloads were already full. Anne explores why this is happening so often, the significant cuts Medicare made to doctors' payments in 2002 and their plans to continue this trend in the near future.

Nightly News

Wednesday, April 3: "Boutique" Doctors - Jim Avila

Health care has become so frustrating with most insurance plans that some doctors are offering separate, special high-end service but at a cost, of course. In Florida (where many seniors go to retire), on Park Avenue, in the Northeast and in parts of California, doctors are launching upscale medical groups. Typically, these doctors quit their HMOs or close their practices, and then relaunch primary care services with no more than 600 patients who each pay \$1500 to join, plus another \$50 dollars per visit. In return, the patients get same-day or next-day attention, special phone access to doctors and HOUSE CALLS.

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Thursday, April 4: ER Crisis - Chip Reid

Already over-crowded emergency rooms are now taking on a new challenge - providing care to psychiatric patients who have nowhere else to go. Many states are slashing funding for mental health programs and ER's are forced to take on the extra burden. Health care experts are concerned that, due to these shortages, neither medical nor psychiatric patients are getting adequate care. Chip Reid visits an Atlanta hospital to see this happening first hand and talks to an expert in psychiatric care who explains the financial underpinnings of this problem.

(Cities/States: Atlanta, GA)

Nightly News

Friday, April 5: Nursing Shortage - George Lewis

There is a significant shortage of nurses in the United States, a dangerous problem for a population whose average age gets higher every day. Hospitals across the country have alarming numbers of nurse vacancies (126,000 nationwide) and the quality of the health care they are able to provide is compromised. George Lewis talks to a dedicated nurse who left the profession because it demanded more of her than she was able to deliver and a woman whose mother's call for help went unanswered in an understaffed hospital. He also canvasses possible remedies for this potentially fatal problem with a hospital administrator.

Nightly News

Monday, April 8th - TRYING TO STOP THE AGING PROCESS

Tom Brokaw takes a look at A NEW WAY TO HELP GET RID OF THOSE WRINKLES. He reports what you need to know about the risks.

Nightly News

Tuesday, April 9: NEW RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF EATING FISH
FIND OUT HOW IT CAN HELP CUT YOUR RISK OF HEART DISEASE.

Nightly News

Wednesday, April 10: THE CONTROVERSY OVER HUMAN CLONING.

SHOULD IT BE BANNED IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES? A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DEBATE AS PRESIDENT BUSH PRESSES FOR A BROAD-BASED PROHIBITION.

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5/01/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

Hospitals are revamping their pain management programs, thanks to new federal standards. The measures mandate that health care facilities treat pain as a vital sign, which means that nurses should check for pain every time they check for a patient's pulse, blood pressure, or temperature. But assessing pain isn't an exact science. It's subjective and private, and not always physical. Chronic pain makes people feel trapped and abandoned. But alternative treatments to help alleviate the wounds that no one sees are available right here in Western Pennsylvania.

2:40 – Package

Janet Gibbons – Art Therapy patient

5/01/02, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

AFFORDABLE INSURANCE

A new health insurance program is now available to people in our region who can't afford to buy their own. Representatives from the Pennsylvania Insurance Department came to Johnstown this morning to launch Adult-Basic.

:40 – SOT/VO

Harold Mishler – Diabetic

5/02/02, 5 PM, Thursday Katrina Owens

HEART ATTACK

When you or a loved one are having a heart attack, you're likely to rush to the nearest hospital. But new research says that may not be the best option. As Katrina Owens explains, you should go where they have the most options.

1:11 – Package

Gilbert Kupiaka – Cardiologist

5/03/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

DRAWING HEADACHES

Children use paper and crayons to express their creativity. Now some are using these same tools to express their pain.

:41 – SOT/VO

Suzanne – Child has migraines

5/06/02, 5 PM, Monday Robert Bazell

DIET WEIGHT

Attention: dieters. Ever wonder why the weight goes on so quickly, as soon as you go off the diet? Now doctors think they have the answer. As Robert Bazell tells us, the discovery could eventually help you keep the pounds off, for good.

1:37 – Package

Dr. Rosenbaum – Columbia

5/06/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SCAR OINTMENT

Lasers can do some amazing things with your skin, from removing wrinkles to reducing scars and even eliminating brown spots and broken blood vessels. But the price your skin pays is not pretty.

:45 – SOT/VO

Dr. Martiza Perez – Dermatologist

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5/06/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

BODY PIERCING

It's the latest art form for kids – body piercing. While many cultures practice it, as a parent, you're bound to wonder how safe it is. What are the medical risks? Lisa Stofko has more.

1:40 – Package

Dr. William Sears – Pediatrician

5/06/02, 11 PM, Monday Dr. Deanna Lites

DIGESTIVE DISEASES AND COMPUTERS

Listen to your body. That's what stethoscopes do in the doctor's office. But can a computer do a better job? That's what researchers are trying to prove at a Chicago hospital. If so, the change could save time, money, and discomfort for thousands of patients with digestive disorders. Dr. Deanna Lites has more.

1:47 – Package

Dr. Richard Sandler – Gastroenterologist

5/07/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Katrina Owens

HEART DISEASE

This year, a quarter of a million people will die, and 5 million will suffer from congestive heart failure. Now doctors have a new tool just approved by the FDA that will diagnose heart failure faster. As Katrina Owens reports, this test will play a major role for patients at risk of heart failure.

1:03 – Package

Dr. Warren Yamerick – Emergency Physician

5/07/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzalez

VARICOSE VEINS

Getting rid of those ugly varicose veins is a problem for many women. But there's a new procedure that's erasing the lines with fewer side effects. Diana Gonzalez has the story.

1:25 – Package

Adrian Casademunt – Has varicose veins

5/07/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Dave Hopkins

SKIN CANCER

With summer fast approaching, it's something that most of us do without thinking: head out into sunny weather. But before you gear up to get what you think is a beautiful tan, think again. Each year, about a million people in the U.S. will learn that they have skin cancer. Dave Hopkins has expert advice on how not to be the next statistic.

1:04 – Package

Dr. Jane Rowe – Dermatologist

5/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

NURSES RALLY

Nurses across the country say they're working too many hours, getting too little rest, and could be putting your care in jeopardy. So they rallied today in Washington, demanding a ban on mandatory overtime. Brigette Langmade is live in Washington, D.C. with more.

1:10 – Package

Diane Sosne – SEIU

Maria Razanauskas – Allegheny General Hospital

Cathy Stoddart – Allegheny General Hospital

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5/08/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

POST POLIO SYNDROME

Do any of these symptoms describe how you're feeling – weakness, fatigue, and joint pain? If you don't know what the problem is, Sara Burget may have the answer for you in this report on Post Polio Syndrome.

2:42 – Package

Judy Seese – Post-polio patient

Barbara Duryea – Post Polio Program

Judith Sullivan – Yoga instructor

5/08/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

FIGHTING FOR BREATH

It's a major health problem that's growing at epidemic rates, asthma. This year, hundreds of thousands of children will go to the hospital for treatment. But as Dr. Max Gomez tells us, it's a problem that should be avoidable in nearly all cases.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Joshua Needleman – Pediatric Pulmonologist

Wendy Guaragna – John's mother

John Guaragna – Asthma patient

5/09/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HYPER KIDS

Your youngster is really active. But many times, parents don't know if it's just pent up energy or the start of a much more serious problem. Because of that, most children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder don't get diagnosed or treated until they're past the age of six.

:54 – SOT/VO

Laurence Greenhill – Columbia University

5/09/02, 5 PM, Thursday Katrina Owens

YOGA FOR LUNGS

If you suffer from a pulmonary disease, a new study suggests you may find strength in breathing by learning yoga. A major part of yoga is breathing and using those breathing techniques help pulmonary patients better use their lungs. Katrina Owens joins us with more details.

1:00 – Package

John Schaffer – Pulmonary patient

Donna Winters – Yoga instructor

5/09/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

NURSING HOME CARE

When it comes to caring for older loved ones, the government says that they may be living in a dangerous situation. Alison Burns has more on the findings of their study on the nation's nursing homes.

1:10 – Package

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5/10/02, 5 PM, Thursday Monica Robins

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Imagine getting lung infections that you could die from. That's what 30 thousand Americans face who have cystic fibrosis. But now researchers may be on the verge of a medical breakthrough for this disease. It could not only offer a possible cure for CF, but, as Monica Robins reports, it may also lead to better gene therapies.

1:48 – Package

Dr. Michael Konstan – Pulmonologist

Robert Calhoun – Patient

5/10/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PRENATAL TESTS

If you're pregnant, those routine visits to the doctor are very important, particularly some special tests. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:41 – Package

Dr. Renee Horowitz – OB/GYN

5/13/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Marianne Favreau

10 FOODS FOR WOMEN

Attention Ladies: If you want to decrease your odds of cancer, heart disease, and osteoporosis, you may want to make some changes in your diet. Marianne Favreau shows you the top ten foods women can add to their diets for better health.

2:28 – Package

Natalie Lagmarcino – Registered dietician

5/14/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

KIDS AND DIABETES COMPLICATIONS

Diabetes in children is not only a life-long disease, it's a life-shortening disease. Plus poor diabetic control can cause potentially sudden and severe complications.

:37 – SOT/VO

Dr. Klingersmith – Works with diabetes kids

5/14/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzalez

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

Doctors estimate there are more than a million people who suffer from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Finding an effective treatment for this syndrome has been a challenge. But as Diana Gonzalez reports, researchers at the University of Miami have found a physical cause and are working with a medication that seems promising.

1:36 – Package

Jean Gaudreau – Patient

Dr. Barry Hurwitz – University of Miami

5/15/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

BOTTLE MOUTH

Believe it or not, even though your baby isn't eating solid foods, he is still prone to getting serious cavities that can ruin his baby teeth. As Lisa Stofko reports, you may be making the situation worse and not even realizing it.

1:40 – Package

Teri Rampola – Mother

Dr. Ann Madigan – Pediatric Dentist

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5/17/02, 6 PM, Friday Brigette Langmade

PIZZA

If you have kids, chances are you've been to a pizza party. But a watchdog group in Washington says pizza is no party for your arteries. It's also to blame for America's expanding waistline. Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:00 – Package

Jayne Hurley – Center for Science

5/22/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

TAKING PILLS

We've all taken prescription medicine, and when you do, you trust it to take care of your health problems. But you could have a heart attack or organ failure. That's if you don't pay attention to what and how you take your prescriptions, especially if you take quite a few. Here' Sara Burget with more.

1:36 – Package

Viola Poorbaugh – Takes prescription drugs

Dr. Luiz Gonzalez – Pharmacologist

Rosella Coy – Takes prescription drugs

5/22/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

FOOD MYTHS

You'd be surprised how some everyday foods can affect pregnant mothers and their babies. We're not just talking about morning sickness. As Lisa Stofko reports, some seemingly harmless foods can have far reaching consequences.

1:50 – Package

Christine Stromberg – Mother

Dr. Gloria Johnson – OB/GYN

5/22/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Dr. Deanna Lites

FITNESS MYTHS

Exercising and getting fit is certainly a hot topic on infomercials, magazines, and videos. And there are a lot of exercise myths out there. Tonight, Dr. Deanna Lites separates facts from fiction.

2:28 – Package

Jerry Wilson – Fitness Expert

Tina Angeletti – Uses weights to exercise

Aimee Barnas – Fitness expert

5/23/02, 5 PM, Thursday Diane Bakos

ICE TEA BENEFITS

If you're planning to grill this Memorial Day Weekend, chances are that you'll have a nice cool tall drink to help wash down those burgers and dogs. And if it's ice tea, it could actually be great medicine in disguise. Diane Bakos has more.

1:20 – Package

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5/23/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Prescription drugs are meant to take care of your health problems, not create them. But medicines can, if you are not careful, hurt you. There are common mistakes that people make everyday with their prescriptions. What are they? Sara Burget has more.

1:20 – Package

Dr. Luiz Gonzalez – Pharmacologist

5/23/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Doreen Gentzler

SUMMER SHAPE

Warm weather is just around the corner, but for many, that means it's time to get into shape. Doreen Gentzler has some tips to get you into shape in a simple, safe, and slow way.

3:49 – Package

Dr. Arthur Frank – Weight Management specialist

Erin Demarines – Fitness expert

Katherine Tallmadge – Nutritionist

5/24/02, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

BEE STINGS

It's one of the harsh realities of spring and summer, bee stings. But just how serious are they? Tonight Lisa Stofko tells you what you need to know.

1:59 – Package

Dr. William Sears – Pediatrician

5/27/02, 11 PM, Monday Katrina Owens

SUN'S DAMAGING RAYS

Summertime is here and many of you are ready to flock to the pool or the beach. That means it's time for a reminder – beware of the dangers of the sun. Up to 90 percent of all skin cancers are caused by exposure to harmful ultraviolet rays. Fortunately, most skin cancers are visible. Katrina Owens reports that early detection is your best defense.

1:36 – Package

Dwight Scarborough – Dermatologist

Marty Beahm – Skin cancer patient

5/30/02, 5 PM, Thursday Diane Bakos

SUMMER FITNESS

Those hazy, lazy days of summer are almost upon us. So ladies, are you ready to go sleeveless? If not, Diane Bakos has some tips for toning up those triceps.

1:26 – Package

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The Other Half 5/06/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines a instant facelifts, new methods that don't require the investment in finances and time that older methods required.

Show #: 0506-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 5/08/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half asks the question "To forgive or not forgive?" The hosts examine the health benefits of forgiveness for the one willing to impart it.

Show #: 0508-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 05/14/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the Spider Man Workout. Tobey Maguire got into superhero shape under the training of Holisitc Fitness. Creator Gregory Joujon-Rouche says that it's about reaching an ultimate state of energy between physical and mental well-being.

Show #: 8217 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 5/20/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines a variety of methods for whitening teeth. They compare the costs and the effectiveness of each method.

Show #: 0520-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 5/21/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment entitled "I Lost My Hair," The Other Half examines the problems of women who have lost their hair due to medical problems. Guests include experts from the National Alopecia Areata Foundation.

Show #: 0521-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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Nightly News

Friday, May 3

There is a special report about an innovative nursing home for people suffering from Alzheimer's. Find out how a trip back in time seems to be making life easier for some patients and their families.

Nightly News

Monday, May 6

Nightly News takes a look at the endless cycle of weight loss and gain. Why is it so tough to drop a few pounds and keep them off? Could a new drug help?

Nightly News

Tuesday, May 7

Nightly News looks at the latest on an experimental therapy for breast cancer, a new radiation device that could cut down dramatically on treatment time.

Nightly News

Thursday, May 9: "Hidden Dangers"

Nightly News examines super germs, bacteria resistant to antibiotics. How can you protect your family?

Nightly News

Friday, May 10: "Hidden Dangers"

Medical mistakes are causing more deaths than car accidents. Find out how to prevent it from happening to you. Plus, Nightly News offers a Consumer guide to health care, what you need to know to protect yourself and your family.

Nightly News

Monday, May 13: CANCER -- NEW SCIENCE -- NEW TREATMENTS -- Robert Bazell

There's great excitement in cancer research these days because of an explosion of knowledge regarding what makes a cell cancerous. Everyday scientists are coming up with new targets for drug therapy and promising compounds are moving faster than ever out of the lab and into clinical trials. Tonight, Nightly News focuses on a woman with breast cancer who is receiving treatment with a brand new drug just recently designed in the lab to attack a specific protein that certain cancers need to grow.

Nightly News

Tuesday, May 14: DIABETES CURE -- Robert Bazell

Doctors have now cured several dozen people with Type I (a.k.a. juvenile) diabetes -- a debilitating condition affecting one million Americans. They use cells from the pancreas of organ donors which they place into the patients' livers. Patients who required five or more insulin shots a day -- and sometimes lapsed into diabetic comas, risked blindness and kidney damage -- are suddenly free of the injections. The drawback? The scarcity of organ donors. But soon scientists will be using stem cells -- or some other unlimited source of cells -- and diabetes may become totally curable.

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Nightly News

Wednesday, May 15: PROSTATE CANCER -- IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT -- Robert Bazell

200,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer a year -- but all too often they either get too much treatment or too little. Now a new imaging system can show exactly where a tumor is growing allowing surgeons to remove it far more precisely. The result? Some men can avoid surgery, along with the side effects of impotency and incontinence, while others who do need to undergo surgery can be sure that all the cancer is removed.

Nightly News

Monday, May 20: Getting in Shape After 50 -- Victoria Corderi

A closer look at John "The Penguin" Bingham, a 50+ writer, who has inspired men and women across the country to get in shape. Once an overweight couch potato, Bingham decided to get moving. He started writing a column for friends as a lark and became so popular on the Internet that Runner's World Magazine picked him up. His new book "No Need For Speed" is currently in bookstores. Hugely popular with fifty-plussers of all sizes and shapes (especially women), he advocates going slow and taking it easy. For him, the key to getting in shape is just to DO something. Nightly News takes an inside look at a daylong class Bingham offers to people trying to shape up.

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6/03/02, 5 PM, Monday Frances Rivera

CAR SICK

It won't be long before you'll be relying on your car's air conditioner. But when you do turn it on, does the air smell bad? If so, you may want to have it checked. As Frances Rivera shows you, it could leave you car sick.

2:00 – Package

Jeffrey May – Author

Dr. Robert Simmons – Microbiologist

George Del Rio – DWD 2

6/03/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Sara Burget

FINDING BREAST CANCER

We've been hearing for years about the importance of mammography in detecting breast cancer. But now a growing number of doctors say that there may be a better way to detect the disease in its early stages, and possibly save lives. Sara Burget reports.

2:31 – Package

6/03/02, 11 PM, Monday Sara Burget

NICOTINE PRODUCTS

Chance are that you've heard about the government's recent crackdown on nicotine lollipops. But the controversy's not over yet. A new era of nicotine products is on the horizon including nicotine water and lozenges. If you think they've been tested and approved, think again. In fact, critics warn that many are slipping past the FDA's radar screen and into the hands of children. Sara Burget investigate the fit over nicotine products.

2:35 – Package

6/04/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Deanna Lites

TASTE OF FAT

If you don't like the taste of fat free foods, you may have trouble sticking to your diet. The reason may be that you prefer the taste of fat. Scientists found that fat actually has taste, and it's a taste that most of us enjoy. Dr. Deanna Lites reports.

1:24 – Package

Nancy Anderson – Nutritionist

Dr. Richard Mattes – Researcher

6/05/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

MEDICATION REVIEW

Area pharmacists answered questions today on medication. It's part of their campaign to help people realize that there are serious and dangerous reactions when medications interact. They say that too many people are not telling their doctors what medications they are on.

:47 – SOT/VO

Dave Spenik – Pharmacist

6/05/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Diana Gonzalez

ZAP AGING

Radio waves are now being used to shrink tonsils, zap tumors, and no reduce the signs of aging. Doctors describe the ideal patient for this procedure as someone between the ages of 30 to 50 with fine lines. Diana Gonzalez reports.

1:36 – Package

Natalie Altman – Patient

Dr. Leslie Baumann – UM Cosmetic Center

Donna Marie Perrone – Patient

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6/06/02, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

ANEMIA TREATMENTS

Feeling rundown and unable to concentrate? Think it's just fatigue? It may be anemia. Patients with chronic kidney disease are at a high rate of developing it. That's because anemia can be caused by kidney damage sustained from chronic kidney disease.

:45 - SOT/VO

Charles Roche - Kidney disease patient

6/06/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Deanna Lites

MUSIC & MEDICINE

Can music and medicine mix? A Chicago hospital is offering music therapy to help patients get well, and the patients love it. Dr. Deanna Lites reports.

1:31 - Package

Eric Price - Patient

Heather Lantry - Therapist

Dr. Mary Klodnycky - Cardiologist

Stanley Mazutis - Patient

6/06/02, 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

MENTAL ILLNESS

Hundreds of Pennsylvanians were in the nation's capitol today, rallying support for mental health coverage equality. Studies show that everyday, people with mental illnesses are denied treatment; their rights are violated. As Landra Booker reports, supports of new legislation say Congress could be the key to changing all that.

1:59 - Package

John Herrmann - Greensburg

Sen. Paul Wellstone - (D) Minnesota

Debbie Charochac - Alleghany County

6/07/02, 5 PM, Friday Janet Wu

CANCER VACCINE

It is the dream of modern medicine, a cure for cancer. One company in the heat of the race is using a different approach to fighting cancer. It requires surgery, and the tumor itself to help a person's own immune system fight back. Janet Wu has the story.

1:30 - Package

Jim Roth - Cancer survivor

Garo Armen - Antigenics, CEO

Dr. Richard Babayan - Bu Medical Center

6/10/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

AVOIDING POISON IVY

We know it's out there, and many of us know what it looks like. Still, it's one of the most common skin ailments, poison ivy. Tonight's "Parenting" has some tips on getting around that itchy summer rash. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:55 - Package

Joey Calahan - Poison ivy sufferer

Dr. William Sears - Pediatrician

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6/11/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

BURN OUT

Once you get that video game remote control out of their hands, kids have a lot of energy. But sometimes they can overdo it. Doctors say a growing number of young kids are hurting their bodies by running, jumping, and competing day in and day out, causing injuries that can linger the rest of their lives. Is your child's body burning out? Sara Burget shows us the signs.

2:20 – Package

6/12/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

PEDOPHILIA

The ongoing scandal in the Catholic Church makes it seem that pedophilia is a crime only priests commit. But, in fact, it's estimated that millions of Americans are attracted to and sexually abuse young children. And while the act is a crime, few people realize pedophilia is a medical disorder. Helen Chickering takes a look at the condition.

2:00 – Package

Dr. Fred Berlin – John Hopkins University

6/13/02, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Todd Husty

HEALTH CARE

The U.S. may have some of the best medical care in the world, but getting it is becoming more and more frustrating. Now doctors are taking steps to bring back personalized service, but it will cost you. As Dr. Todd Husty reports, "Boutique Medicine" patients love it.

1:32 – Package

Joannie Goldwasser – MDVIP patient

Dr. Bernard Kaminets – MDVIP physician

6/13/02, 11 PM, Thursday Garrett Glaser

BOTOX

You've probably noticed television commercials advertising the cosmetic benefits of botox. The treatments are skyrocketing in popularity and are expected to continue packing patients into dermatologists' offices. Garrett Glaser takes us inside one of those offices for a look at the procedure.

2:25 – Package

Dr. Patricia Wexler – Dermatologist

Maureen Walsh – Botox user

6/14/02, 5 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

OVARIAN CANCER

Every year, more than 20,000 women get news from their doctor that they don't want to hear. Ovarian cancer kills so many of its victims because the disease often has no symptoms until it's too late. That's why researchers are dedicated to finding a test to help better detect the disease.

2:45 – Package

Marianne Spampinato – Ovarian cancer survivor

Nicolette Erikson – OB-GYN

Dr. Emanuel Petricoi – Senior Investigator

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6/17/02, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

MAMMOGRAM DO'S & DON'TS

It's a test that every woman should take. A mammogram is the best way to find breast cancer early. But the success of the test depends on you.

:41 – SOT/VO

Dr. Daryl Smith – Brigham & Woman's Hospital

6/18/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LESS ANTIBIOTICS

Children in America are suffering from too much of a good thing, and doctors are doing their best to stop it. More than a decade ago, doctors frequently prescribed antibiotics to children for a variety of illnesses. But overuse of the drugs led to resistance.

:49 – SOT/VO

Linda McCaig – Center for Health Stats

6/18/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzales

EMAIL DOCS

More doctors today are using technology allowing them to quickly and directly serve patients. It's called P2P, Physician to Patient communication. The internet is making it possible to not only talk to your doctor, but to make a virtual visit too. Diana Gonzales reports.

1:42 – Package

Bernd Wollschlaer – On-line doctor

6/18/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

OBESITY

The obesity rate in adults has risen by 60 percent in the last decade. Among children, it's more than doubled over the last twenty years. And nutritionists lay much of the blame at fast food's front door.

:40 – SOT/VO

Margo Wootman – Center for Science

6/19/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Deanna Lites

NEW BIRTH CONTROL

There's a new type of birth control for couples who no longer want to have children. As Dr. Deanna Lites reports, it doesn't involve major surgery or pills.

1:59 – Package

Lynn Rodriguez – Patient

Dr. Rafael Valle – Obstetrician

6/19/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

SECOND HAND SMOKE

For years, there has been debate over just how harmful second hand smoke really is. Tonight, there is new research showing that it does cause lung cancer. But what is even more disturbing is that it also shows the other health risks involved. Here's more from Brooke Hart in Washington.

1:37 – Package

Dr. Paul Kleihues – Cancer researcher

Gay Duty – Smoker

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6/20/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

NEW MRI IMAGES

Doctors used to rely on exploratory surgery to see what was wrong with patients. But now they use MRI images instead of the knife. For some though, that procedure, where you need to remain still, can cause some claustrophobia. But not any more.

:49 - SOT/VO

Dr. Larry Tanenbaum - JFK Medical Center

6/20/02, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

AMERICAN FITNESS

A new government report shows that Americans are paying a high price and suffering health problems because of inactive lifestyles. Now President Bush is launching a major health and fitness initiative. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:45 - Package

Lynn Swann - Fitness Council chairman

6/24/02, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

WHAT MOMS KNOW / FIRST AID

Now that kids are out of school and enjoying summer, they are more prone to get hurt. A disturbing new survey shows that most moms admit that they don't know how to treat those minor scrapes, cuts, and bruises.

:41 - SOT/VO

David Markenson, MD - American Academy of Pediatrics

6/25/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AIDS TESTING DISCLOSURE

Should the names of those who test positive for the virus that causes aids be disclosed to state health officials? That hotly debated question will come into play this week.

:50 - SOT/VO

Brent Frank - The Aids Project

6/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

STEM CELL RESEARCH

There may now be a way to reap the benefits of stem cells without stirring up debate. For the first time ever, researchers have found a way to make adult stem cells behave the same way embryonic stem cells do.

:50 - SOT/VO

Catherine Vefaille - University of Minnesota

6/27/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Carole Houser

SMALLPOX VACCINE

Because of the ongoing threat of terrorism, the government has been stockpiling the smallpox vaccine for months. Now, for the first time in thirty years, Americans are being vaccinated against smallpox. Carole Houser has more.

1:28 - Package

Kathryn Green - Nurse involved in study

Jennifer Bristol - Nurse, Study Coordinator

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6/28/02, 5 PM, Friday Monica Robins

OSTEO PREVENTION

Ten million Americans, mostly women, suffer from osteoporosis. The disease is the result of weakened, thinning bones. But building up those bones before the damage begins is key to prevention. Monica Robins explains.

1:40 – Package

Dr. Holly Thacher – Health specialist

6/28/02, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

TICK PROOFING

The bug bites of summer can pack a wallop, or even open the door to other illnesses. As Lisa Stofko reports, tick bites require special attention.

1:52 – Package

Dr. William Sears – Pediatrician

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Extra 06/05/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, an Extra correspondent talks with Al Roker who has been looking "good" lately. The weatherman shares his secrets to healthy eating and dieting.

Show #: 8236

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 6/14/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines a workout you can do while stuck in traffic. The host demonstrate the exercises while sitting in a car.

Show #: 0308-02R

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 6/25/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at breast reduction surgery. For many women, this operation helps improve their health and lifestyle. The hosts speak to women who have had the surgery and a doctor who performs the procedure.

Show #: 326-02R

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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Dateline

Tuesday, June 4: Vision Quest

For thirteen years, brothers Alan and Vincent Chow had been on a path toward curing blindness. For that same period of time, another set of brothers, Melvin and Delvin Kehoe, had been living with their blindness. Rob Stafford reports on the tiny microchip that Dr. Chow and his brother invented and the experimental surgery that the Kehoes underwent to try and regain their sight. Dateline cameras were there as both sets of brothers took a chance to see if technology could change the course that nature set in motion. (Cities/States: Wisconsin/Chicago, IL)

Nightly News

Wednesday, June 5

On Nightly News, the issue is adding years to your life. How far would you go to live longer? Robert Bazell reports on a radical diet which some believe may increase longevity.

Dateline

Friday, June 7

Dennis Murphy explores why some people are living longer than others. Could a "super gene" be the answer? (Cities: West Palm Beach, FL; Boston MA)

Nightly News

Monday, June 10

There's new technology bringing hope to the hearing-impaired. Nightly News has a report on a remarkable breakthrough which is helping young children hear.

Nightly News

Wednesday, June 12

Nightly News takes look at a test for prostate cancer, just how effective is it? Find out what you need to know to protect yourself. Robert Bazell reports.

Nightly News

Thursday, June 20

Nightly News sizes up the next potential threat. They take a closer look at small pox and the new guidelines for treatment. How can you protect your family?

Nightly News

Wednesday, June 26

Nightly News Examines searching for a doctor. How can you find the information you need to make the right choice? Robert Bazell reports.

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Nightly News

Thursday, June 27

Nightly News examines health insurance. Is it unfair to women? Viagra is covered, but birth control is not. There's a push for reform, but not everyone is lining up to support it. Robert Bazell reports.

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4/01/02, 5 PM, Monday Lynette Khalfani

INVESTING

No matter what the economy holds, one type of investment seems to hold its value, real estate. As Lynette Khalfani shows you, the right kind of real estate venture can benefit just about everyone.

2:40 – Package

David Mattis – Lehman Brothers

Gary Schatsky – Personal Financial Advisors

Richard Deagazio – Boston Capital

4/02/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Lynette Khalfani

INVESTING PT. 2

If the thought of investing in the stock market leaves you a little shaky, there are some creative alternatives to help your money grow. As Lynette Khalfani shows us that that includes investments into sheer beauty.

2:13 – Package

Randi Schuster – BDO Seidman

Nicholas Lowry – Swann Auction Galleries

4/02/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

WINTER WOOLENS

It's time to put those must-have winter sweaters away for the season, but before you do, you don't want to ruin them when you clean them. Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson shows us a shortcut to hand washing those woolen items.

1:15 – Package

4/03/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

PILL REMINDERS

If you're taking a lot of medications, there are plenty of products to help you remember when to take them. Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson teams us with Consumer Reports to take a look at pill reminders that are available.

1:35 – Package

4/03/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

GAS PRICES

A report out today says that crude oil prices remain at a 6 month high despite surprisingly large oil stockpiles worldwide. Those oil prices have been driving up what all of us pay at the pump in recent weeks. It's putting more fuel on the fire on what's best for our national energy policy.

1:30 – Package

Gerald Kipe – Drives a lot of miles

Herbert Reed – Motorist

Sen. Rick Santorum – Pennsylvania

4/05/02, 11 PM, Friday Roseanne Colletti

TRANSFERRING DEBT

If you're looking for a better deal on that big credit card balance, look before you leap. Roseanne Colletti has the lowdown on why transferring to another card could backfire.

2:00 – Package

Steve Rhode – Myvesta.Org

Tom Cohn – Federal Trade Commission

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4/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

TAX SCAMS

There's one week to go till the tax deadline. If you haven't filed your return yet, watch out. There are scams out there, people trying to trick you into forking over cash for services that aren't legit. Jon Meyer has details.

1:30 – Package

Stephanie Grigg – I.R.S.

4/08/02, 6 PM, Monday Michelle Franzen

GAS PRICES UP

Americans who plan to hit the highway this summer may have to dig a little deeper. The cost of a tank of gas has gone up nearly 20% since March. The government is predicting that factors here at home and abroad, will impact prices at the pump. Michelle Franzen reports.

1:31 – Package

Helen Jenkins – New York City

Spencer Abraham – Energy Secretary

Mary Hutzler – Energy Information Administration

Paul Block – Bronx, New York

Rogelio Justiniano – New York City

4/09/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

USED CARS

Buying a car that's two or three years old can save you a lot of cash. But buying a used car can be a risky venture. Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to tell you how to pick a reliable one.

1:23 – Package

David Champion – Consumer Reports

4/10/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

DISCOUNT DRUGS

This is a deal that every senior will want to get in on, a free program for discounts on their prescriptions. Several major drug makers are teaming up to offer the Together RX card.

:50 – SOT/VO

James Firman – National Council of Aging

4/10/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Myers

DISCOUNT DRUGS?

The cost of prescription drugs continues to climb. Tonight on Channel 6 News at Five, we told you about a new prescription program by drug companies that offered discounts to seniors. But is this new program all it's cracked up to be? Here's Lisa Myers.

2:10 – Package

Paulo Costa – Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Robert Ingram – Glaxosmithkline

Ron Pollack – Families USA

Tom Nelson – AARP

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4/11/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

CAR MAINTENANCE

The next time you take your car in for routine maintenance, be careful. One thing that's not routine is the cost. Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to find out how car owners can save money.

1:10 – Package

4/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

GAS PRICES?

They're at it again, gas prices going up. The American Automobile Association reports a national average of just over \$1.41. That's up four cents from a week ago and down eight cents from last year at this time. The going rate in our area, at least for now, is hovering around \$1.30. The big question is what are we in store for this summer? Lisa Stofko reports.

:54 – Package

Andy Altman – Arizona

David Stone – Johnstown

4/15/02, 5 PM, Monday Latonya Turner

YELLOW PAGES SCAM

When we want to find a certain type of business, most of us look in the phone book or what we call "the yellow pages." But that's not the actual name of the book put out by the phone company. It's one misconception that fuels a common and costly scam against small business owners. We have more now from Latonya Turner.

1:48 – Package

Rena Chandler – Business owner

Latonya Chandler- Business owner

Kathleen Calligan – Better Business Bureau

4/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday La Tonya Turner

WATER DAMAGE

Many of you may have some cleaning up to do after this week's storms. But if high waters or mud came into your home, it may be more than a shop vac and a fan can handle. You may need some professional help to get rid of that water damage. La Tonya Turner has some tips to get rid of that hidden moisture without having it soak your wallet.

1:36 – Package

Paul Grabowski – Contractor

4/18/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

VACUUMS

The future of vacuums is bagless. More and more companies are making uprights and canisters that don't use bags. They promise easy, clean sweeping. Consumer Reports has tested ones from Dirt Devil, Eureka, Kenmore, and others. Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson clears the air about these machines.

1:34 – Package

4/19/02, 5 PM, Friday Dan Buck

MULCH

It's time to get your garden growing. Unfortunately for many home owners, that means time to mulch your beds. But with a new product, you may never have to mulch for a decade or longer. Dan Buck takes us to a company making rubberific, turning old tires into magical mulch.

2:09 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS APRIL

4/23/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BEST SUV'S

It's the car that Americans love to drive and environmentalists love to hate. But more and more sport-utility vehicles are bought every year. So auto makers are filling this demand by offering more choices than ever. Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson takes a look at the new SUV's.

1:14 - Package

4/25/02, 5 PM, Thursday Roseanne Coletti

PROPERTY TAXES

If you're a home owner, you know that property taxes can take a big bite out of your pocketbook. But you can bite back and try to get them lowered. According to the National Taxpayers Union, 60 percent of taxable property is over assessed. That means more than half of all households are paying more than they should. Roseanne Coletti has a way to put that money back in your pocket.

1:24 - Package

Joy Reid - Homeowner

Pete Sepp - National Taxpayers Union

4/25/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

PET PRODUCTS

Pet owners want the best for their cat or dog. But what happens when the best is too expensive, or worse yet, next to impossible to find. Did You ever think of trying the web? Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson goes on-line to do some price comparing.

1:25 - Package

4/30/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Charlie Wokciechowski

GAS PRICES

Gas prices are slowly inching higher. But Why? That's the question that oil suppliers were asked today by Congress. Charlie Wokciechowski has more on their response.

1:30 - Package

4/30/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Kim Baldonado

SWIMSUITS

Sometimes it's like "Mission Impossible" - finding that great looking swimsuit for summer. But before you hit the malls, Kim Balsonado has some tips on picking the right stuff that's affordable for the beach.

1:23 - Package

M.J. Milchanowski - Editor, Glamour Magazine

4/30/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

VACATION DEALS

When you think of retirement, lots of travel and relaxation come to mind. But before you book your next trip, our Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson has some discounts for you to check out.

1:24 - Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS APRIL

4/30/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday John Patrick

CREDIT BLOCK

It's one of the worst feelings in the world, when your credit card is declined, but you know you are not over the limit. But it happen more often than you think. As John Patrick found out, something called the block is to blame.

2:23 - Package

4/30/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

GAS PRICE DEBATE

Gas prices are slowly inching higher. But the big question is why? Is it Saddam Hussein's fault or are oil companies hoarding their supply to raise prices and increase their profits? Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:33 - Package

Sen. Carl Levin - (D) Michigan

Sen. George Voinovich - (R) Ohio

David Reeves - Chevron Texaco Corp.

Rob Routs - Shell Oil

CONSUMER ISSUES APRIL

The Other Half 4/02/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half looks at a new fashion trend made of latex. Are the new liquid metal spandex clothes comfortable or practical. The Other Half finds out.

Show #: 123-02R

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 4/19/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half asks how we can lower our bills. With the slow down in the economy, people need to make their money go further. Matt Coffin from lowermybills.com has some suggestions about savings.

Show #: 419-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 4/26/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, & Danny Bonaduce

In one segment, The Other Half looks at summer travel bargains. In the wake of Sept. 11th, vacation plans are a little different this year. That may mean some bargains for some. Representatives from www.orbitz.com offer the lowest fares on the planet.

Show #: 426-02

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES APRIL

Nightly News

Friday, April 12

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS LOOKS AT GETTING THE BEST DEAL
ON YOUR TAXES...WITH APRIL 15 FAST APPROACHING, A SMART
MONEY REPORT ON HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR RETURN.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS MAY

5/01/02, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

NEW COMMUTER SERVICE

Air travelers in our area could soon be catching commuter flights from Johnstown and Altoona to Baltimore. And access to the Baltimore airport, known for low cost fares, means you could be saving money. Jon Meyer has more.

1:04 – Package

Bruce Mueller – Schellsburg

Heidi Minahan – Johnstown

Joe McElvey – Johnstown Airport Manager

5/02/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

ONLINE GIFT REGISTRY

The summer wedding season is not far off. Many couples are busy registering their gift choices at department stores, but now there's a new way to make your wedding wishes known. Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to tell us more about on-line gift registries.

1:33 – Package

Jen Shecter – Consumer Reports

5/03/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jim Vicevich

VACATION PLANNING

Have you made summer vacation plans yet? If you haven't, you might want to get busy. Travel experts say that the sooner you make your plans, the further you can stretch your dollar. Jim Vicevich joins us with some smart money tips for planning your vacation.

1:08 – Package

John Bury – Stonington, CT

Lena Calvo – Vienna, Austria

5/03/02, 11 PM, Friday John Patrick

CELL PHONE CHARGES

When you pick up your cell phone to place a call, you may not realize that the call could cost you, no matter how local the call seems. Why? The gaps in cell coverage could mean expensive roaming charges, even if you're calling from your own home. As John Patrick reports, many consumers are outraged by the cost of their unexpected travels to "roam."

2:37 – Package

5/07/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday John Patrick

PRESCRIPTION CARDS

As medical costs continue to soar, paying bills can be tough, especially if you're among the 40 million Americans who don't have health insurance. Now a growing number of companies are offering hope through medical discount cards. But attorney generals and consumer advocates around the country are raising a red flag. Are the savings too good to be true? John Patrick takes a look.

2:31 – Package

5/07/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BABY BEDDING

Every year, up to 900 infants die from suffocation in their own cribs. It's all because of cute soft bedding. Before you buy those puffy quilts, padded bumped guards, even pillows, listen to consumer investigator Becky Thompson.

1:10 – Package

Stacy O'Brien – Mom

Kim Kleman – Consumer Reports

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS MAY

5/09/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

ABS BELTS

It's the latest item to help you tone up your muscles. But now those abs belts are coming under fire, with the government calling them absolutely fake. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson takes a look at those electronic toning machines.

2:19 - Package

5/10/02, 5 PM, Friday Kim Baldonado

GAS PRICES UP

We may gripe and moan about it, but no matter how high the price of gasoline goes, most of us still have to pay it. That's because of our love affair with cars. But as Kim Baldonado shows us, the secret is to get the most out of every gallon.

1:06 - Package

5/13/02, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

NAIL NIGHTMARES

Manicures are a grooming luxury that many women cannot live without. Last year alone, ladies spent four billion dollars on their nails. But what some women may not know is that hiding underneath their beautiful fake nails may be a chemical that is downright dangerous. The illegal substance is easy to hide, but the end results are painfully obvious - nasty infections and permanent damage that can kill your natural nail.

3:48 - Package

Kristen Weaver - Cosmetology

Erica Compani - Cosmetology student

Sherry Zubanchick - Cosmetology instructor

Dr. Renee Mather - Dermatologist

Sonya Svirsko - Cosmetology student

Tressa Oblinsky - Nail technician

5/14/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

HEALTH INSURANCE

Nearly everyone has a complaint about their health insurance. Almost half of those under the age of 65 had problems, ranging from coverage disputes to denial of benefits. But as consumer investigator Becky Thompson shows you, help can be just a click away.

1:14 - Package

Susan - Husband has Lou Gehrig's

Trudy lieberman - Consumer Reports

5/15/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Beverly Kirk

STOLEN CARS

When you buy your next car, you may want to consider the statistics. The Highway Loss Data Institute has announced their list of the most stolen cars in America. So is your car on the list? Beverly Kirk reports.

1:30 - Package

Kim Hazelbaker - Highway Loss Data Institute

Det. Chris Dengeles - Virginia Police

5/16/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

USED CARS

You can save big bucks by buying a used car. So many car companies have started certification programs that put used vehicles through a series of checks. But as Consumer

Investigator Becky Thompson found out, you may want to go through a checklist of your own, before you buy.

1:25 – Package

5/16/02, 11 PM, Thursday Bob Mayer

CAR INSURANCE

Whatever you're paying for car insurance, chances are it's going up. But as Bob Mayer reports, that doesn't mean you should give up on saving money. Here's some tips to put some of that cash back in your pocket.

2:47 – Package

Hayes Worley – Insurance agent

Birny Birnbaum – Consumer activist

5/17/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

PHONE PROBLEMS

Telephone problems top the Federal Communications Commissions consumer complaint list. In just the last six months, the FCC has gotten over 24,000 complaints about land lines alone. Our consumer investigator Becky Thompson tells you how to avoid some of those problems.

2:20 – Package

Ted Schlick – Harmony

Carol Belsh – Bellevue

5/17/02, 11 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

MAGNETIC PAINT

Consumer Reports just tested a new kind of paint that contains small particles of iron. You're probably thinking to yourself, "Why would I want it?" Well it claims to help transform any wall in your home or office into a magnetic bulletin board. Becky Thompson put it to the test to see if it really holds.

1:11 – Package

5/20/02, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

IRRADIATED BEEF

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and hopefully the weather will be great for some barbeque grilling. New on the menu this year is irradiated beef. Sophia Wharton explains why this new item has become popular with the public.

1:44 – Package

Jeff Lombard – Wegman's Meat Manager

Catherine Cutter – Food Specialist, Penn State

Sherri Levine – Shopper

5/21/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

RUNNING SHOES

You'd assume that all shoes that come under one specific name would be made the same. Well, as consumer reporter Becky Thompson shows you, that's not always the case.

1:40 – Package

5/22/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

AIR BAGS

Since 1998, all new cars have been required to have driver and passenger air bags. It is estimated that air bags have saved almost five thousand lives. But what happens when air bags deploy when they shouldn't? Consumer investigator Becky Thompson explains what can happen when air bags attack.

1:10 – Package

Doug Rehberg – Airbag went off

Bobby Moore – Airbag exploded

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5/23/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

SNEAKER VALUE

You can spend well over \$100 for a pair of running shoes; but Adidas, Reebok, and others make running shoes that cost a lot less. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to see if paying top dollar is worth it.

1:16 – Package

Harv Ebel – Consumer Reports

5/23/02, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Deanna Lites

ENHANCED PRODUCTS

The odds are good that somewhere in your home, you've got an enhanced product. Whether it's antibacterial soap or whitening toothpaste, does it really do more than standard products? Here's Dr. Deanna Lites.

2:44 – Package

John Segretti – Infectious disease expert

Keith Suchy – Dentist

Alice Boghosian – Dentist

5/24/02, 5 PM, Friday Roseanne Coletti

SUMMER BUYS

Cookouts, swimming, and gardening are three of the big activities of summer. Rose Colletti visited the Good Housekeeping Institute to check out some products that should make those activities even easier.

2:22 – Package

Mark Kalinowsky – Good House Keeping Institute

Gail Gabriel – Good House Keeping

Sharon Franks – Good House Keeping

Francine Campbell – Good Housekeeping Research

5/28/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

PRE-PAID PHONE CARDS

With family and friends spread across the country, it can get expensive to call long distance. Many people have decided to go the pre-paid long distance route to save some cash. But as consumer reporter Becky Thompson found out, there are some downsides to those money-saving cards.

1:30 – Package

5/28/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Kim Baldonado

PAY AT THE PUMP WARNING

It's a convenience at the pumps that most of us enjoy – paying at the pumps. But this handy way to buy gas could come with a price. As Kim Baldonado found out, you may want to think twice before whipping out that plastic at the gas station.

1:30 – Package

5/28/02, 11 PM, Friday Mary Thompson

COMPUTER PRICES

Are personal computer makers getting set to do battle on pricing this summer? Some on Wall Street say a price war is imminent, but others say it's just business as usual. Here's Mary Thompson with more.

2:33 – Package

Don Easley – Rowe Price

5/29/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Liz Crenshaw

CUTTING CREDIT CARD RATES

A simple phone call may save you hundreds on your credit card bill. Liz Crenshaw has more on an experiment that could mean money in the bank for card holders just like you.

4:04 – Package

Kenny Fried – Consumer

Ed Mierzwsinski – U.S. Pirg

Maria Valerio – Consumer

Hope Saxton – Consumer

Shobha Ramaswamy – Consumer

5/29/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Myers

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Eighty percent of retirees use a prescription drug every day. Now, the nation's largest association representing older Americans, the AARP, is putting new pressure on drug companies to drive prices down by going to court. Here's NBC's Lisa Myers.

2:10 – Package

Bill Novelli – AARP Executive Director

Bruce Downey – Barr Laboratories

5/30/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

GARAGE DOOR OPENERS

Safety used to be a serious problem with garage door openers. Over the years, automatic doors have crushed more than 50 children. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson shows you how today's openers are being designed to meet demands for security and safety.

1:30 – Package

John Banta – Consumer Reports

5/31/02, 5 PM, Friday Lynette Khalfani

INSURANCE SURPRISE

Some home owners are getting an unwelcome surprise from their insurance companies. They're being dumped for filing too many claims. Lynette Khalfani reports on the recent trend.

2:33 – Package

Marion Sherrill – Homeowner

Bob Hunter – Consumer Federation of America

Dorothea Sherrill – Homeowner

CONSUMER ISSUES MAY

The Other Half 5/01/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks repairing credit. Chuck Woolery comments on his experience and lends advice.

Show #: 501-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 5/01/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half checks out how to obtain "runway looks" for less. It's fashion that makes cents.

Show #: 501-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 5/03/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at the problems of compulsive shopping and how to curb this costly habit.

Show #: 503-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 5/21/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half examines the cosmetic counter and offers a guide to which products are "must-have" and which we can do without.

Show #: 521-02 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 05/29/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines this season's swim wear values. If you want to make a splash without spending all your cash, check out this edition of "Extra." Cindi Lieve of Glamour Magazine offers do's and don'ts for smart purchases.

Show #: 8230 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES MAY

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 1: Credit Scoring - Dan Lothian

On Wednesday, Dan Lothian takes a closer look at the credit scoring system. You may not have heard of it but credit scoring can have a greater impact on your loans, credit cards, and mortgage rates than your credit history. It's what lenders use to decide whether to extend you credit or grant a loan. Scoring is a mysterious formula that basically grades you on your credit: a score for your payment history, outstanding debt, length of your credit history, etc.

Dateline

Tuesday, May 21: The Dating Game

A 5-month-long Dateline NBC hidden camera investigation looks at seven of the nation's largest grocery chains to discover if some of their stores are secretly changing the dates on packages of fresh meat in order to lengthen their shelf life. John Larson reports the surprising results.

(Cities/States: Dallas, TX/ Atlanta, GA/ Denver, CO/
Columbia, SC/Jacksonville & Lakeland, FL/ Cincinnati, OH/
Pleasanton, CA/ Boise, ID / Montvale, South Orange, and
Carteret, NJ /Alabama)

Dateline

Friday, May 24th: Midsize Crash Tests

Midsize cars are some of the most popular on the road, but how expensive are they to fix after a fender-bender? Dateline NBC teamed up with the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety to test three categories of cars and find out how much it would cost to repair mid-size bumpers that suffered minor collisions. Lea Thompson reports.

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 29th

Nightly News examines the battle against the high cost of prescription drugs. The question is, "When will consumers finally get a break on those soaring prices?"

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/03/02, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

DROWNING DANGERS

School's out for many kids, and soon they'll be spending time by the pool. But pools aren't the only products that offer water dangers, especially for little ones. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson shows us some dangers and how to prevent them.

1:30 – Package

Jacqueline Elder – CPSC

6/04/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

FIRST CAR

Teens want a hot set of wheels once they finally get their licenses. Mom and dad want them to drive a safe, affordable car. So which car's are the best for young drivers. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson has a report.

1:30 – Package

Steve La Spina – Buying his first car

RIK Paul – Consumer Reports

6/05/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Roseanne Colletti

INACCURATE CLOTHING LABELS

The first time you need to clean that new shirt or pants, you check out its care label. But is putting your trust in that guide really a ticket to disaster? Roseanne Colletti shows you that sometimes, the information can ruin your new clothes.

1:36 – Package

Wayne Edelman – Dry Cleaners Association

6/06/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

HEALTH COVERAGE

Many of us have complaints about our health insurance. A recent survey found almost half of those under the age of 65 had problems ranging from coverage disputes to denial of benefits. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson tells you how to fight for your coverage.

1:25 – Package

6/07/02, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

STRETCHY CLOTHING

If you've been out shopping lately, you've no doubt seen lots of clothes made of stretch material. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson sizes up several woven shirts to find out if they look as good out of the wash as they do on the rack.

1:16 – Package

Pat Slaven – Consumer Reports

6/11/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

NEW STAMPS

The cost of mailing a letter is set to go up again. Starting June 30th, the price of a stamp will go up from 34 to 37 cents. The Postal Service says that the reason for this 3-cent increase is because the costs of delivering mail have also gone up.

:40 – SOT/VO

Dennis Mattini – Customer service

1:38 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/12/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

HEALTH CARE BARGAINS

Pick up the phone and call around; hunt for the best price. No, we're not talking about shopping for a new car, but about haggling over healthcare costs. Believe it or not, it happens all the time. Patients bargain down their medical bills and sometimes save thousands along the way. Sara Burget shows us how it can work for you.

2:19 – Package

6/13/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

DISHWASHERS

If you're in the market for a new dishwasher, it may surprise you to learn that you can spend over one-thousand dollars on one. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson finds out if you can get a good one for much less.

1:20 – Package

Jack Toback – Consumer Reports

6/14/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

STOLEN CARS

The Honda Accord is no longer the hottest car for thieves. They now prefer the Acura Integra. That is according to the Highway Loss Data Institute.

:38 – SOT/VO

Kim Hazelbaker – Highway Loss Data Institute

6/17/02, 5 PM, Monday Brad Hicks

BUYING VS LEASING

Summer is the time when a lot of you begin thinking about buying a new car – with new models due out in just a few months. But, in this tight economy, is it better to buy or lease your next ride? Brad Hicks gets to the bottom of this debate and what's best for you.

1:48 – Package

Sandy McEwen – Car buyer

6/17/02, 11 PM, Monday Kathleen Tanzy

MORTGAGE RATES

Mortgage rates are still low and helping to sustain both the red-hot housing market and the refinance market as well. Many people have seen a 30 percent appreciation in their homes in just the last year. As Kathleen Tanzy reports, with interest rates ticking down, many more people are thinking about refinancing to take more equity out of their homes.

1:48 – Package

Doug Duncan – Mortgage bankers

Mike Ryan – UBS Warburg

6/18/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

EXERCISE BALL

There's still time to look great in that swimsuit. And an exercise ball could be the workout of your choice. They're big, come in many colors, and lots of stores are selling them for home workouts. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson takes a look at those costing between 20 and 40 dollars.

1:06 – Package

Tom Mutchler – Consumer Reports

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/20/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

SUPER STORES

Wal-Mart is set to open several super centers right here in west-central Pennsylvania. The company is known for its low prices and drawing millions of customers into their stores each week. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson teamed up with Consumer Reports to find out how those super stores rate on everything from service to price and products.

1:30 – Package

Todd Marks – Consumer Reports

6/20/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lynette Khalfani

MORTGAGE RATES

If you're like millions of Americans out there buying a new house right now, you know there are a lot of choices when it comes to borrowing money. Because of current low interest rates, adjustable rate mortgages are offering rock bottom rates. But are they the best value? Lynette Khalfani takes a look.

2:13 – Package

Doug Perrt – Countrywide Home Loans

Frank Teglia – Lowestloan.com

6/21/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Steve Young

ON LINE PRESCRIPTIONS

Getting your prescription refilled is as easy as the click of a mouse. But it's "buyer beware" as scam artists are targeting that on-line service to patients. Steve Young has more on this cyber medical problem.

1:39 – Package

Dale Austin – Fed. Of State Medical Board

Carmen Catizone – Board of Pharmacies

John Taylor – FDA

6/21/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Sara Burget

DNA BANK

We've heard a lot about DNA testing over the past years, but a new service is now available called DNA banking. It's a growing trend here in the U.S. So why are so many people rushing for the DNA do-it-yourself kits? Sara Burget explains what you need to know before you buy.

2:37 – Package

6/24/02, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

CHECK CLEARING

People try to make sure there's enough cash in their accounts to cover their checks. Still, even the best of us can end up bouncing a check now and then. But a little known practice by many banks may send more checks bouncing than you'd ever expect. Critics say it's a policy designed to saddle you with extra fees. Banks say it's in your best interest. Lisa Stofko has more on the checks and balances game.

2:47 – Package

6/25/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

TISSUE TEST

The warm weather we've been sweating through has many allergy sufferers reaching for tissues. And more and more of them have extras, like lotions, vitamin E, even menthol. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson finds out if these extras are really worth the added cost.

1:27 – Package

Elizabeth Roberts – Allergy sufferer

Geoff Martin – Consumer Reports

Dr. Martin Lipman – Consumer Reports

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/25/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Bob Mayer

LONG DISTANCE RATES

Should you say "so long" to your traditional long distance plan? Many of you still make long distance calls the standard way, pick up your home phone and pay by the minute. But as Bob Mayer reports, there are new ways of making and paying for long distance.

2:28 – Package

Nanci Schwartz – Sprint

Thomas Hopkins – AT&T

William Van Hefner – The Digest.com

6/25/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

AIR ROCKETS

Here's a summer safety warning for child advocates. There's a dangerous product on toy store shelves that has caused serious eye injury. One group of safety experts say some children have permanently lost their sight after playing with air rockets. The federal government has already taken some steps to stop the sale of the toys, but as Landra Booker reports, there's a push to make the recalls even tougher.

1:54 – Package

Ann Brown – Safety advocate

Carla Fritz – Mother of victim

6/26/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Trina Robinson

SAVING ON CLOTHES

It's one of the things we spend a lot of money on, clothes. But there are a lot of ways to save money buying them. Trina Robinson reports.

3:29 – Package

Rick Doble – Savvy-Discounts.com

6/27/02, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

PDA'S

At least 9 million people own a personal digital assistant, also known as a P-D-A. Another 2 and ½ million people are expected to buy one this year. Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson tests dozens of the gadgets to find the best one.

1:36 – Package

Chris Bucsko – Consumer Reports

6/27/02, 5:30 PM, Thursday Bob Mayer

SAVING AT THE PUMPS

Gas prices are lower this summer than they were a year ago. But whether you're taking a family trip or just driving around town, there are ways to make sure you're paying as little as possible. Bob Mayer explains how to save money at the pump.

2:54 – Package

Bill Griffith – Shell gas customer

Brad Proctor – Gaspricewatch.com

CONSUMER ISSUES JUNE

The Other Half 6/13/02

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dorian Gregory

In one segment, The Other Half looks at 101 uses for bridesmaid dresses. Suggestions are presented for everything from pillow covers to shower curtains for these expensive dresses usually worn only once.

Show #: 307-02R

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 06/21/02

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In case you didn't notice, the fashion world's being rocked by rocks. "Extra" digs up some facts you need to know about this new fashion craze in a segment called "Trend Tracker."

Show #: 8250

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

NBC - CONSUMER ISSUES JUNE

Nightly News

Monday, June 3

Nightly News examines radiation detection devices. They're marketed as a way to help consumers protect themselves against a nuclear attack, but do they really work?

Dateline

Friday, June 7

In a Dateline/Good Housekeeping exclusive, Chief Consumer correspondent Lea Thompson takes a closer look at Infomercial gadgets. They look like miracle products and work great on TV, but what really happens when you get them home?

Dateline

Sunday, June 9

6/04/02, 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

Lea Thompson gets the scoop on Consumer Reports' ice cream tests and reveals the winners. The tests look for taste appeal and value.

Nightly News

Monday, June 24

Are you out to purchase a new car? How do you avoid getting taken for a ride? Kelly O'Donnell reports on hidden fees that can cost you.

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4/02/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Michelle Franzen

IRS / WEIGHT LOSS

New changes in the tax law could benefit those trying to lose weight. The IRS has amended its policy when it comes to deducting the cost of weight loss and weight control programs. Michelle Franzen has the story.

1:28 – Package

Terry Lemons – IRS Spokesman

Morgan Downey – American Obesity Association

4/03/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

CASEY / JOBS

State Auditor General Bob Casey made his first visit to Johnstown this morning on the campaign trail for Governor. He met with steel workers and media at Johnstown Wire Technologies. Sara Burget tells us his plans for creating jobs and dealing with the recession.

1:04 – Package

Robert Casey, Jr. – Gubernatorial candidate

4/03/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SLEEP DISORDER AWARENESS

Are you tired of being tired? You're not alone. One out of four Americans are dealing with sleep problems. Now a local State Senator wants you to do something about it.

:47 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – Johnstown

4/03/02, 6 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

COAL POLLUTION

Supporters of a bill on Capitol Hill say tougher restrictions on coal-burning pollution will help the environment. But critics say it could devastate the coal industry. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:10 – Package

John McCormick – Citizen's Coal Council

4/03/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

BUSH / HEAD START

President Bush is trying to give a leg up to the nation's Head Start program. He's calling for more teacher's training for those who teach pre-schoolers to read, and he's calling on parents to get more involved in their kids' reading habits. Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:38 – Package

Sarah Greene – National Head Start Association

4/05/02, 5 PM, Friday Sharon Epperson

INCOME TAXES

Everyone likes getting a tax refund. Sharon Epperson says that a good place to begin is figuring out what credits you're eligible for. Many taxpayers miss out on major credits. After all, it is your money, and you probably want it back.

2:13 – Package

Jeanne Glasser – Taxpayer

Doug Stives – CPA

Laurence Foster – CPA

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4/05/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Bill Brown

12th DISTRICT RACE

Through his long political career, John Murtha has rarely been challenged on election day. But recent redistricting has thrown him a curve. He's now an incumbent who must beat an incumbent just to win the primary. As Bill Brown reports, the man he's facing thinks that Murtha is very vulnerable.

1:55 - Package

Frank Mascara - 12th District Candidate

4/08/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

TAX TIPS

The deadline to file your tax returns is exactly one week from today. Are you finished yet? Are you even close? If not, there is a way to file past the deadline without creating more problems for yourself.

:53 - SOT/VO

Bill Cressman - I.R.S. Spokesman

4/08/02, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

12th DISTRICT RACE

Murtha's opponent in the May primary, Congressman Frank Mascara, has asked the House Ethics Committee to investigate whether Murtha is using government funds and personnel for his campaign.

:51 - SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha - 12th District

4/08/02, 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

REDISTRICTING

A U.S. Court of Appeals has thrown out Pennsylvania's redistricting plan. This move comes only six weeks before the State's primary election. As Jon Meyer reports, it brings much uncertainty, especially to the 12th District Congressional race.

1:10 - Package

4/09/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

ISRAEL ACTION

President Bush is standing firm in his demand that Israel withdraw from Palestinian areas in the West Bank. While Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says the offensive will continue, especially after suffering the worst casualties in nearly two weeks. Mike Majchrowitz is live in Washington D.C. with more.

:15 - Live

1:02 - Package

Ariel Sharon - Israel's Prime Minister

Colin Powell - Secretary of State

4/09/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Sharon Epperson

TAX TIPS

April 15th is sneaking up on those of you who haven't filed your taxes yet. For those of you that invest, that means gathering up all those financial records. Many investors have capital gains that are taxable in two ways: short term gains are taxed at your regular rate while long term gains on assets held over a year are usually taxed at a lower rate, usually no more than twenty percent. Sharon Epperson has more.

1:55 - Package

Laurence Foster - CPA

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4/09/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

12TH DISTRICT RACE

You've seen and heard all the political ads, but there's a chance that the May Primary might not happen. That could be the fallout from the redistricting bombshell dropped by a Federal court Monday. According to State Senate Majority Leader David Brightbill, there's a 50-50 chance that the primary will be pushed back to September. But for the candidates, it's business as usual. Mark Allen has their reaction.

1:45 – Package

Rep. Frank Mascara – 12th District candidate

Sen. Bob Mellow – Democratic Leader

Sen. Mike O'Pake – Democratic Whip

4/09/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

PORK PROJECTS

A government watchdog group says Washington is wasting more of your tax money than ever before. The Annual Pig Book of Congressional Spending is out today, and it shows that bigger budgets on Capitol Hill mean bigger spending on pork barrel projects. Alison Burns has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:53 – Package

Sen. John McCain – Arizona

Rep. Ed Royce – California

4/10/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Sharon Epperson

TAX TIPS

With so many employees laid off in the past year, many struck out and started their own business. That presents new tax challenges and advantages for them. Sharon Epperson has some tax tips for the self employed and small business owners, thanks to new legislation.

2:02 – Package

Marilyn Rockie – Consultant

4/10/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

CLONING DEBATE

Remember the stem cell debate last year? Well, it gets more interesting. Lawmakers are considering legislation that would outlaw all human cloning, including cloning human embryos for stem cells. Brooke Hart has more from Washington.

1:43 – Package

Mike Manganiello – Advan. Of Medical Research

Sen. Tom Daschle – Majority Leader

Patricia Heaton – Cloning Ban Supporter

4/11/02, 5 PM, Thursday Sharon Epperson

TAX TIPS

Attention all income tax filers! If you're getting a refund, chances are good that you'll get a bit more than last year. But as Sharon Epperson shows you, getting a big check isn't necessarily free money.

1:56 – Package

Doug Stives – CPA

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4/11/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CLONING BAN

Life is creation, not a commodity. Those are strong words issued by President Bush as he pushed for a ban to human cloning.

1:08 - SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter - * Pennsylvania

4/12/02, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

TAX TIPS

We've been saying it for weeks: Have you gotten your taxes in yet? You can't wait much longer unless you want to deal with extensions. So when you file yours this weekend or Monday, you won't be alone. But what do you need to take with you to get them done right and quickly. Sara Bruget lets you know.

1:07 - Package

Anna Marie Miranda - Last minute filer

Janet Smith - H&R Block

4/12/02, 11 PM, Friday Tylar Bacome

INCOME TAX

With the last weekend before tax day is upon us, many of you may be scrambling to finish your taxes. But before you run out to an accountant, Tylar Bacome has some legal deductions you may not have thought of and others you may have tried that don't pass the test.

1:28 - Package

Mike Miller - Tax preparer

4/12/02, 5 PM, Friday John Patrick

CYBER JUSTICE

If you've ever been involved in a law suit, you know that the traditional wheels of justice can take quite a while to turn. But now the internet is putting a new and faster spin on the way people are resolving their issues. As John Patrick reports, in many cases, cyber settlements are replacing the judge's gavel.

2:23 - Package

4/15/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

MAY PRIMARY

No word yet from the Supreme Court on whether a ruling will stand that calls the State's redistricting plan unconstitutional. What does that mean for the primary election? Brigette Langmade is live in Washington with more on this.

1:00 Package

:12 - Live

Rep. John Murtha - (D) 12th District

Frank Mascara - (D) 12th District

4/15/02, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

BREASTFEEDING LAW

Working mothers who breastfeed currently have little government protection, much less encouragement. But pending legislation in Congress aims to change that. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:25 - Package

Jennifer Weldon - Mother

Janet Chan - Parenting Magazine

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4/15/02, 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

CAPITOL DEMONSTRATION

Thousands of people gathered at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington D.C. for a rally in support of Israel. The demonstrators carried banners and posters, calling for peace. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington, D.C. newsroom.

1:48 – Package

Benjamin Netanyahu – Former Israeli Prime Minister

Elliot Rosen – Demonstrator

Ibrahim Hooper – American Islamic Relations

4/16/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

REDISTRICTING

Republicans have come up with a new redistricting map, but it would push back the primary election to July. But this all hinges on a decision by the highest court in the land and their view of the first map that was drawn up. Alison Burns is live in Washington, DC with more.

1:00 – Package

:16 – Live

Jenny Backus – Dem. Cong. Campaign Committee

Carl Forti – Nat'l Rep. Cong. Committee

4/16/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

LATE PRIMARY

If the primary election is pushed back, what kind of effect will be felt here by you, the tax payer and voter? Mark Allen is live at the Cambria County Courthouse with more on this.

:46 – Package

:14 – Live

Fred Smith – Cambria County Board of Election

4/17/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Pete Williams

PORNO RULING

A ruling by the U.S. Supreme court has the Attorney General mad. They have struck down a federal law banning images that appear to show children in some sexual situations. But they are computer-generated. And John Ashcroft says that will make it tougher to prosecute child pornographers. Pete Williams explains.

1:20 – Package

R. Bruce Rich – Publisher Coalition

John Ashcroft – U.S. Attorney General

4/17/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

ABORTION

Imagine your teen daughter is pregnant, doesn't want to have the baby and doesn't want you to know. Now it's getting tougher for her to get an abortion across the state lines. The House of Representatives voted to make it a crime to transport a minor across state lines to terminate their pregnancy if it is to get around parental consent laws.

:45 – SOT/VO

Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

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4/18/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

REDISTRICTING

Late last night, Republicans in the State Senate passed a new version of how the Congressional districts will be made up. This after a court threw out their first plan last week. But when the primary election will be is still very much up in the air. Jon Meyer explains.

1:40 – Package

Robert Jubelier – State Senate

4/22/02, 5:30 PM, Monday Mark Allen

CITY MANAGER

There's a new boss in town for the city of Johnstown. His name is Jeff Silka, and today he became Johnstown's new city manager. Mark Allen caught up with the Johnstown native earlier today to see how he plans on tackling the many issues that go along with the job.

1:09 – Package

Jeff Silka – Johnstown city manager

4/27/02, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

PRIMARY ELECTION

The primary election is a go for next month. Today, a panel of Federal judges said that the state can go ahead with the primary. They put aside their previous ruling that redistricting map was defective and couldn't be used. Brigette Langmade is following this story from our Washington D.C. bureau. She joins us now live with more.

1:00 – Package

One of the state's top Republican leaders is predictably upbeat by this news. Sen. Robert Jubelier believes the panel's decision to go ahead with the election as scheduled is the right one.

:45 – SOT/VO

Jim Gregory – Sen. Jubelier's Executive Assistant

4/24/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Leanne Gregg

NURSING HOME GRADING

Is your loved one getting the best care during their stay in a nursing home? Now the government has come up with a way for you to know before your loved one calls a facility home. Leanne Gregg has more on their new grading system.

1:30 – Package

4/25/02, 11 PM, Thursday Brigette Langmade

IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

The nation's immigration system may never be the same. Today, the House voted to dissolve the INS and establish two different agencies. Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington, D.C. newsroom.

1:49 – Package

Rep. John Linder – ® Georgia

Melissa Hart ® 4th District

Jack Kingston – ® Georgia

Mel Watt – ® North Carolina

Zoe Lofgren – (D) California

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4/26/02, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

INS

It's being called the "worst run government agency." Now, a 405 to 9 vote in the House means the INS will likely be split in two. Sophia Wharton explains how the new rules will affect students.

1:16 – Package

Masume Assaf – Asst. Dir. Int. Students

Mohit Bakhru – Mom visiting from Turkey

4/26/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

WELL METERS

Thousands of people in our area rely on wells to get the water for their homes. Recent rumors flying around the State about new regulations on those wells has many of you worried. Tonight, Channel 6 News is setting the record straight. Jon Meyer is live in Somerset County to explain what a bill working its way through Harrisburg really means.

:58 – Package

:13 – Live

Judy Holiday – Well owner

Rep. Bob Bastian – (R) Somerset County

4/29/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

TAX DODGERS

Every home owner in the region knows property taxed in Pennsylvania are high. Most of you dig deep and pay what you owe every year. But there are thousands of people who don't. Some are even finding ways to snub the system. Here's Jon Meyer with this Channel 6 News investigation.

2:25 – Package

James Epstein – Owes property taxes

Sam Runzo – Cambria County Tax Claim

Dr. Gerald Zahorchak – Johnstown superintendent

4/29/02, 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

NEW SET OF RULES

If you're building a home, adding on a deck, or putting in a new bathroom, you're going to need a building permit. But the days of paying a flat or token fee may be coming to an end. At least, that's the direction the State is headed.

1:18 – Package

Mike Illig – Contractor – Building owner

Nick Bailey – Zoning officer

4/30/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CLONING DEBATE

On Capitol Hill today, Senators took on the explosive issue of cloning. Legislation was introduced that would make human cloning illegal but not outlaw therapeutic cloning, research to cure diseases.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

GOVERNMENT / POLITICS APRIL

The PA Democratic Gubernatorial Debate

4/21/02

Host: Marty Radovanic

Along with other media representatives, WJAC-TV news anchor Marty Radovanic poses questions to Democratic primary candidates Ed Rendell and Robert Casey, Jr. The candidates responded to each other's answers during the hour long debate.

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Nightly News

Tuesday, April 9: HOW IS THE GOVERNMENT SPENDING YOUR TAX DOLLARS?
IN A SPECIAL FLEEING OF AMERICA, TOM BROKAW EXPLORES SOME OF THE
YEAR'S MOST WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

Nightly News

Wednesday, April 10: THE CONTROVERSY OVER HUMAN CLONING.
SHOULD IT BE BANNED IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES? A CLOSER
LOOK AT THE DEBATE AS PRESIDENT BUSH PRESSES FOR A BROAD-
BASED PROHIBITION.

Nightly News

Monday, April 16th – SENDING A MESSAGE TO TELEMARKETERS
Robert Hager takes a look at the FTC's proposal for a national "no call" list. Will it really put
an end to those unwanted phone calls?

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5/01/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Beverly Kirk

TRADE TOWERS

What made the World Trade Towers collapse? Was it the crash, the intense fire, fueled by those jetliners? Lawmakers want to know for sure and they've called in the experts. They're looking for advice on how to prevent this from happening again. Beverly Kirk has more from Washington.

1:48 – Package

Dr. W. Gene Corley – American Society of Civil Engineers

Sally Regehand – Skyscraper Safety Camp.

Rep. Anthony Weiner – (D) New York

5/01/02, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

CHILD OBESITY

Childhood obesity is becoming a major problem here in the U.S. So why is funding to education programs such a low priority? That's the question being asked today on Capitol Hill. Brigitte Langmade has the latest, live from Washington D.C.

:50 – Package

:10 – Live

5/02/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

PILOTS AND GUNS

Should pilots be allowed to carry guns in plane cockpits? That's the issue being discussed today at a House hearing. And while both sides of the Capitol and most airline pilots are in favor of being armed, the Bush administration is against the plan. Brigitte Langmade is live in Washington with more.

1:10 – Package

:12 – Live

5/02/02, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

VIRTUAL CHILD PORN

The Supreme Court ruled that virtual child pornography is different from real child porn, and therefore they can't ban it. Now some lawmakers are taking things into their own hands by introducing some new legislation.

:38 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jeff Session – ® Alabama

5/06/02, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SAVING LEGACY COSTS

The U.S. Congress took action to save the benefits of American steel workers. Over the past month, three different bills have been introduced on Capitol Hill. They all have the common goal of saving legacy costs and the steel industry.

:52 – SOT/VO

Rep. Mike Doyle – (D) 18th District

Rep. Phil English – (R) 21st District

Sen. Rockefeller – (d) West Virginia

5/07/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

STEEL TARIFF

Congress is set to vote on a measure that could overturn President Bush's steel remedy. Starting tomorrow, the House of Representatives will begin considering what's called a "disapproval resolution." As Landra Booker reports, a majority vote in favor of that resolution could cause even more harm to the U.S. steel industry.

2:08 – Package

Tom Danjczek – Steel Manufacturing Association

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5/08/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

NURSES RALLY

Nurses across the country say they're working too many hours, getting too little rest, and could be putting your care in jeopardy. So they rallied today in Washington, demanding a ban on mandatory overtime. Brigette Langmade is live in Washington, D.C. with more.

1:10 – Package

Diane Sosne – SEIU

Maria Razanauskas – Allegheny General Hospital

Cathy Stoddart – Allegheny General Hospital

5/08/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TARIFF STAYS INTACT

The push to roll back steel import tariffs was defeated in the nation's Capitol today, thanks to a last minute maneuver by steel supporters. It was called a "disapproval" resolution, designed to overturn President Bush's steel remedy decision.

:48 – SOT/VO

Rep. William Jefferson – (D) Louisiana

Rep. Phil English – (R) 21st District

5/10/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Ceci Rodgers

NEW FARM BILL

Calling the new farm legislation "not perfect" but "good enough," the White House said President Bush will sign the bill passed this week by the Senate. Critics say the bill, which boosts price supports by nearly 70 percent, is a major step backwards for free-market reforms in agriculture. But as Ceci Rodgers reports, farmers in the Midwest say it will provide a safety net as commodity prices continue to fall.

1:15 – Package

Phillip Nelson – Farmer

5/14/02, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PRIMARY ELECTION

In an effort to provide you with the information you need to make a choice on Election Day, WJAC-TV invited candidates with opposition in the May primary to appear in our studio for an interview on their campaign positions. Tonight, we hear from Catherine Baker Knoll, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

3:58 – Package

5/14/02, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

BORDER SECURITY

With the stroke of the pen, President Bush tightened America's borders. This new bill also will help officials keep better track of foreign students with a new tracking system. Mike Majchrowitz is live in Washington with more.

1:00 – Package

:15 – Live

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5/15/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

RENDELL & GUNS

Under the 2nd Amendment, you have the right to walk into a store like this and purchase a gun. But Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Ed Rendell wants to limit that right to just one gun a month. Now the National Rifle Association has launched a full scale radio campaign that seeks to prevent Rendell from getting elected. Here's Mark Allen.

1:00 – Package

Paul Hornick – Hornick's Sporting Goods

5/15/02, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PRIMARY ELECTION

To help you make an informed choice when you vote on May 21st, WJAC-TV invited candidates with opposition in the primary to appear on our newscast to talk about their campaigns. Tonight's interview is with a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Democrat Jack Wagner.

3:16 – Package

5/16/02, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PRIMARY ELECTION

WJAC-TV invited candidates with opposition in the May primary to appear on our newscasts to talk about the issues. Tonight's interview is with Congressman Bill Schuster.

3:41 – Package

5/17/02, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PRIMARY ELECTION

WJAC-TV invited candidates with opposition in the May primary to appear on our newscasts to talk about the issues. Tonight's interview is with a Republican, David Bahr, candidate for the 9th District.

3:07 – Package

5/20/02, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

PRIMARY ELECTION

On this election eve, we are continuing with our series of interviews with candidates in the primary. Tonight we talk with Democratic Lieutenant Governor hopeful Allen Kukovich.

3:40 – Package

5/22/02, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

INSURANCE COSTS

Rising medical costs are a worldwide problem, but nowhere are they higher than in the United States. Everyone is feeling the pinch, but for seniors in the region, sometimes it's a choice of paying for medical needs or paying for everyday essentials. Brigitte Langmade has more on what lawmakers want to do about it.

1:10 – Package

Rep. Melissa Hart – (R) 4th District

Rep. John Peterson – (R) 5th District

5/22/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Eileen Teves

STACEY BRUMBAUGH

She is a Blair County attorney running for the State Senate, and she is seeking your vote in November. But Stacey Brumbaugh is up against a well-known incumbent Senator Robert Jubelier. Who is this Democratic candidate? Eileen Teves has the answer.

1:17 – Package

Stacey Brumbaugh – (D) 30th District

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5/30/02, 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

FBI REORG

New FBI guidelines will clear the way for domestic spying. That's what civil rights groups are saying about changes in the way the agency will investigate possible terrorism. The Director of the FBI made the announcement today, saying the new investigative powers are critical to preventing future terrorism attacks. Landra Booker is in Washington.

1:18 - Package

Robert Mueller - FBI Director

Elliot Mincberg - People for the American Way

5/31/02, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

FBI POWERS

Attorney General John Ashcroft is taking the leash off the FBI, and turning it loose on terrorists. He announced broad new guidelines for domestic surveillance that ease restrictions that he says have give terrorists a "competitive advantage."

:38 - SOT/VO

John Ashcroft - Attorney General

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Nightly News

Monday, May 13

Nightly News takes a closer look at the new Farm Subsidy Law. It expands subsidies for U.S. farmers but will it really help them in the long run?

Nightly News

Thursday, May 16: Fleecing of America

In a "Fleecing of America" report, Tom Brokaw asks why the government is spending your tax dollars on tobacco that nobody else wants.

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6/04/02, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

PROBE INTO SEPT. 11

Congress is taking a hard look at what led to the breakdown in U.S. intelligence prior to Sept. 11th. It's a top secret, top priority meeting that could lead to major changes in the intelligence community. Brigette Langmade has the latest from Washington.

1:00 – Package

Sen. Barbara Mikulski – (d) Maryland

Sen. Mike Dewine – ® Ohio

Rep. Saxby Chambliss – ® Georgia

6/05/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

SEPT. 11

Today, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a plan to register certain foreign visitors to the U.S. and monitor them during the time they're here. The requirement comes as lawmakers continue to sift through intelligence analysis to evaluate lapses. More now from Brooke Hart.

1:37 – Package

James Zogby – Pres., Arab American League

6/06/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

SMOKING HIKE

Smokers in Pennsylvania will probably be paying more to light up. The governor is now backing a significant hike in cigarette taxes. It will raise millions of dollars to cut the State deficit, while others say that there will also be some health benefits. With more on the impact of raising cigarette taxes, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:05 – Package

:11 – Live

Destiny Long – American Lung Association

Jennie White - Smoker

6/06/02, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HELP FOR DEPUTIES

Some State leaders are crossing their fingers that a new House bill will pass. The bill would help local sheriff's departments by paying the expenses for deputies as they go through hundreds of hours of training and education.

:37 – SOT/VO

Larry Field – Blair County Sheriff

6/12/02, 11 PM, Wednesday Steve Handelsman

TERRORISM BILL

President Bush signed bioterrorism legislation today, devoting 4.3 billion dollars to stockpiling vaccines, improving food inspections, and boosting security for water systems. Meanwhile, the efforts to uncover and cripple Al-Qaeda networks continue. Steve Handelsman has the latest developments in the war against terrorism.

1:59 – Package

6/13/02, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TIPPING FEES

Some lawmakers want to raise the State's tipping fees. That's what trash haulers pay to dump garbage in landfills. Along with raising revenues, they feel it could cut down on the amount of out-of-state trash dumped in Pennsylvania.

:45 – SOT/VO

Rep. Kerry Benninghoff – (r) Centre County

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6/13/02, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

STOPPING TELEMARETERS

It's no secret that we all hate the annoying phone calls from telemarketers. That's why the State has passed the do-not-call law, giving consumers the ability to avoid these unwanted calls.

:39 - SOT/VO

Barry Creany - Depute Atty. General

6/17/02, 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

SOLICITORS

The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down a law designed to limit who can sell what on your doorstep. At the center of the case is a small town in eastern Ohio. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:43 - Package

Gabe Najjar - Spokesman

6/18/02, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

HOMELAND SECURITY

Even as the closed door sessions continue into the intelligence failures prior to September 11th, the Bush administration has officially delivered its plan for creating a new department of Homeland Security. Beverly Kirk has more.

1:30 - Package

Tom Ridge - Homeland Security Director

6/19/02, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jamie John

NEW AUTO LAWSUIT LAW

A new law, just signed today, could change who is going to pay if you win restitution in a lawsuit. It's designed to put a kink in lawsuit abuse. It's Senate Bill 1089, and there's a lot to it. But buried in the back is a change to the "joint and several" liability clause. Jamie John has more.

1:20 - Package

Rob Brotlemarker - Insurance agent

Kevin Rozich - Local attorney

Sen. John Wozniak - (D) 35th District

6/20/02, 5 PM, Thursday Brigette Langmade

RIDGE / CONGRESS

Former Governor Tom Ridge was before Congress today, outlining his plans for homeland security. He believes that the new cabinet department will help plug a major gap in U.S. intelligence. Brigette Langmade has the latest from Washington.

1:30 - Package

6/24/02, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

DEATH SENTENCES

The Supreme Court has made some changes that could have some convicted killers looking for a new trial. They ruled today that only juries, not judges, can sentence a person to death. Brigette Langmade has the latest from Washington.

1:45 - Package

Tom Lynch - Constitutional scholar

Todd Gaziano - Heritage Foundation

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6/25/02, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

AIR ROCKETS

Here's a summer safety warning for child advocates. There's a dangerous product on toy store shelves that has caused serious eye injury. One group of safety experts say some children have permanently lost their sight after playing with air rockets. The federal government has already taken some steps to stop the sale of the toys, but as Landra Booker reports, there's a push to make the recalls even tougher.

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Ann Brown - Safety advocate

Carla Fritz - Mother of victim

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AMTRAK TALKS

Amtrak was to shut down today if a deal wasn't reached, but they have promised to keep the trains running through the July 4th weekend. Now talk has turned to what Amtrak will do in exchange for loan guarantees from the government. Brigitte Langmade has the latest from Washington.

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PLEDGE BAN

A San Francisco Appeals Court has ruled that the "Pledge of Allegiance" violates the separation of church and state. At issue, two words that were added to the pledge in 1954. Mark Allen has reaction from some parents and students in the area.

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Jeff Grandas - Parent

John Dibert - Parent

Lorrie Callihan - 4th Grade teacher

Derek Baer - 11th Grade student

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TESTING DECISION

The U.S. Supreme Court made two big decisions today that affect your children. The justices upheld the use of school vouchers and random student drug testing.

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Rep. John Peterson - (R) 5th District

Rep. Bill Shuster - (R) 9th District

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NOON PLEDGE

Another controversy that has Americans talking is a three-panel decision concerning the "Pledge of Allegiance." Yesterday, they ruled that two words, "under God," were unconstitutional. Today, one of the judges reversed his decision. Even so, this ruling even has those on Capitol Hill weighing in. Landra Booker has the reaction from Washington.

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PLEDGE DECISION LEGAL REACTION

A legal expert says "don't get too excited about yesterday's court decision. He fully expects that it will be overturned.

:39 - SOT/VO

Robert Richards - PSU Associate Dean